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Light-up Rundu's Streets!

A familiarisation visit to Kavango East, focusing on regional development priorities and energy access, has brought renewed optimism for improved public lighting in Rundu. The Minister of Industrialisation, Mines and Energy, Modestus Amutse, is currently in the region as part of a programme that includes formal courtesy engagements with regional leadership, alignment on electrification and industrialisation initiatives, and assessments of electricity access and ongoing energy projects. The visit also aims to strengthen coordination between national ministries and regional authorities while engaging directly with community leaders and residents. During the visit, the minister underscored the urgent need to address street lighting in Rundu, noting that adequate public lighting is critical for safety and economic activity. He stressed that residents should be able to move freely and safely after dark and called for the procurement and installation of streetlights to



Minister Modestus Amutse visited Rundu | Picture Contributed

be prioritised without delay. Amutse further cautioned against the development of new townships or extensions that do not include street lighting in their planning. He emphasised that infrastructure development must

place public safety at the centre, adding that energy access and proper lighting are essential components of orderly urban growth. The assessment of existing and planned energy projects in the

region is expected to inform future interventions aimed at improving electricity access, supporting local development, and ensuring that towns such as Rundu are adequately serviced to meet growing demands.



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Kavango West and CENORED Explore Stronger Partnership on Electricity and Community Development

Efforts to strengthen cooperation between Kavango West regional authorities and electricity distributors gained momentum this week as senior officials explored new partnership opportunities aimed at benefiting communities in Kavango West. The Director of Development Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, Mr Egidius Nambara, held a consultation meeting with CENORED Chief Executive Officer, Mr Fessor Mbango, and members of the company's executive management at CENORED's head office in Otjiwarongo. The engagement centred on building effective stakeholder relations, particularly because CENORED's operations extend into parts of the Kavango West Region. Key issues discussed included collaboration between CENORED, NORED and the Kavango West Regional Council,



the payment of electricity surcharges to the region, and potential support for the Mangetti Settlement community through CENORED's Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives. The parties also exchanged views on CENORED's governance structure, including the long-term possibility of incorporating the Kavango West Region as a shareholder.

CENORED currently supplies electricity to the Kavango Cattle Ranch at Mangetti, a settlement in Kavango West that is managed by the Namibia Industrial Development Agency (NIDA). Further engagements between the two sides are expected to take place early in 2026, with follow-up meetings planned for January or February.

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Jessica Haaunganga Takes Over as Acting CEO of NIPDB

The Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board (NIPDB) has named Jessica Haaunganga as its Acting Chief Executive Officer, following the upcoming departure of the institution's founding CEO, Dr Nangula Nelulu Uaandja, who will step down at the end of December 2025. The appointment takes effect on 1 January 2026 and is meant to ensure a smooth leadership transition as the Board prepares to begin the process of recruiting a permanent CEO in the new year. Ms Haaunganga is no stranger to the institution. She has been part of NIPDB's executive leadership since 2021, where she has served as Executive for Investor Experience. In this role, she has worked closely with investors and key stakeholders, contributing to efforts aimed at improving Namibia's investment climate and strengthening confidence in the country as a business



Jessica Haaunganga | picture contributed

destination. According to the NIPDB Board of Directors, Ms Haaunganga's experience, institutional knowledge and leadership skills make her well suited to guide the organisation

during this interim period. The Board has expressed confidence that she will provide continuity and stability while maintaining the organisation's strategic focus. Stakeholders and partners have

also been encouraged to give Ms Haaunganga the same level of cooperation and support as the NIPDB continues with its mandate of promoting investment and supporting national economic development. The Board confirmed that the acting appointment is temporary and that a formal recruitment process for a substantive Chief Executive Officer will be initiated early next year.



NASA Urges Government to Include Returning Students and Second Qualifications in Subsidised Tertiary Education

• **By TUW**

The National African Students' Association (NASA) has welcomed government's move to introduce subsidised tertiary education, while calling for stronger provisions to support repeating and returning students, as well as unemployed graduates seeking second qualifications.

In a statement issued on Monday, NASA said the policy announcement made on 8 December 2025 signals a "transformative step" towards inclusive and accessible higher education, but warned that its success will depend on how well it addresses the realities facing students who previously dropped out or remain unemployed despite holding qualifications. NASA Secretary General Advocate Rose Kameya said many graduates are struggling to enter the labour market, leaving them economically and socially vulnerable.

"There is a growing number of Namibian graduates who remain unemployed years after completing their studies. Funding second qualifications for unemployed graduates is not a luxury, but a necessary intervention to improve employability and skills relevance," Kameya said.

The association proposed that unemployed graduates be considered for funding of second qualifications after first-time undergraduate students, suggesting collaboration with institutions such as the Namibia Revenue Agency (NAMRA) to ensure proper verification and prioritisation.

NASA also highlighted the plight of students who were forced to abandon their studies due to financial hardship, incorrect course choices or other socio-economic challenges. According to the association, the new funding framework should allow such students to return to higher education and either complete their initial programmes or transition into more suitable fields.

"Subsidised tertiary education must recognise that education journeys are not always linear. Students who had to stop their studies deserve a second chance to return, complete their qualifications, or realign their careers through well-motivated applications," Kameya said.

The association stressed that excluding repeating or returning students could entrench long-term inequality and undermine national human capital development.

NASA reiterated its support for government's broader vision of affordable tertiary education and expressed readiness to engage further with the Ministry of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture to ensure that the policy is implemented in a fair, inclusive and sustainable manner.

The association concluded that provisions for second qualifications and returning students would not only benefit individuals, but also strengthen Namibia's workforce and socio-economic resilience in the long term.

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N\$4.9 Million Invested in New School Infrastructure in Kavango West

• **By TUW**

A combined investment of N\$4.9 million has been committed towards strengthening education infrastructure in the Kavango West Region following the formal handover of two construction sites to the Namibia Training Authority (NTA).

The Directorate of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture officially transferred the sites at Maporeza in the Nkurenkuru Constituency and Cause Primary School in the Mpungu Constituency, paving the way for new school facilities aimed at improving learning conditions in the region.

The larger share of the funding, N\$3.3 million, has been allocated to the construction of Maporeza Junior Primary School. The project will include two classroom blocks comprising eight classrooms, an ablution facility. Speaking at the handover, Kavango West Regional



Council Chairperson Hon. Fillipus Tenga emphasized that the projects should also benefit local communities economically. He called for the active involvement of young people from the area, noting that their participation would create much-needed employment opportunities during the construction phase.

Once completed, the N\$4.9 million investment is expected to ease classroom shortages, enhance access to quality education, and contribute to both skills development and economic activity in the Nkurenkuru and Mpungu constituencies.

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Ministry Of Education Confirms Release Date for NSSCO and NSSCAS 2025 Exam Results

• By TUW

The Ministry of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture has announced that the results of the 2025 Namibia Senior Secondary Certificate Ordinary (NSSCO) and Advanced Subsidiary (NSSCAS) examinations will be officially released on Tuesday, 13 January 2026.

According to a media release issued by the Ministry, the announcement of the results will be made by the Minister, Hon. Dr. Sanet L. Steenkamp, at 10:00 in the morning. The event will take place at the auditorium of the Government Office Park on Luther Street in Windhoek.

Candidates will be able to access their results later the same day, as the Ministry's website and SMS services will become active at 12:15. Both full-time and part-time candidates who sat for the October/November 2025 examinations are included.

The Ministry confirmed that the marking and processing of examination data have been



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successfully completed. Learners will be able to check their results online through the Ministry's official website or via SMS and WhatsApp services by submitting their full candidate numbers. To access results online, candidates will need both their candidate number and date of birth. Candidates have been reminded

to keep their candidate numbers readily available when checking their results. These numbers are printed on admission permits issued before the examinations. In addition to online and mobile access, regional education offices will provide printed broadsheets during official working hours.

However, the Ministry emphasized that, in line with data protection regulations, no documents containing candidates' names will be publicly displayed. Access to printed results will be strictly controlled and supervised through the Regional Directorates of Education.

Candidates are also advised to collect their official statements of results from the schools or examination centres where they wrote their exams. The Ministry encouraged learners to contact their respective regional examination offices to confirm whether statements of results have been delivered.

The Ministry further urged the public to use official channels only and to seek assistance from regional offices should they experience any difficulties in accessing results.

The announcement was issued under the authority of the Executive Director of the Ministry.

2026 Registration Compulsory Minimum Payments

The University of Namibia is notifying all students about the compulsory minimum payments before or at the 2026 academic year registration period:

Compulsory Minimum Payments at Registration

Description	Namibian Students	SADC Students	Non-SADC Students
Tuition fee deposit	4 000	5 650	14 300
Registration fees	1 500	1 500	1 500
Connectivity fees	575	575	575
Technology fees	750	750	750
Student Administration Levy	150	150	150
International Student Levy	0	3 500	3 500
Total registration fee & deposit payable	6 975	12 125	20 775

- Notes:**
- Always use your **student number** as the reference for deposits and transfers.
 - All **outstanding balances must be cleared** before the 2026 registration, as the Subsidised Tertiary Education and Training funding model for Namibian students will not cover the debts from the previous years.
 - Namibian students pursuing a second or subsequent qualification at the same or lower NQF level, as well as those pursuing postgraduate qualifications, are **not covered** under the subsidised funding model. These categories of students will, therefore, be required to pay registration fees and minimum deposits at the time of registration.
 - At least 60% of the fee balance must be paid by **30 June 2026**. The remaining 40% balance must be settled before 30 November 2026.
 - A **10% discount on tuition fees** (excluding additional class fees) is available for students who pay in full before the end of February 2026. Applications for the discount must be submitted in writing latest by 31 May 2026.
 - Bursary holders** can be exempted from the deposit upon providing written proof of sponsorship/bursary.
 - A **late registration fee** of N\$600 applies to students who register after the normal registration.
 - As of 01 September 2025, cash is no longer accepted at UNAM. Students can swipe at the cashier points on campuses, or opt to pay via electronic funds transfer(EFT), bank deposit or online payment at <https://my.unam.edu.na/online-payment>.

2026 Residence Fees (annual fee, required deposit and monthly payment)

Hostel fees per Campus	Room Types	Namibian / SADC			Non-SADC		
		Annual fees	20% Deposit of Registration	Per Month (100% - 20%) / 10 months	Annual Fees	20% Deposit of Registration	Per Month (100% - 20%) / 10 months
Hage Geingob Campus	Single	31,970	6,394	2,558	63,940	12,788	5,115
	Double	12,290	2,458	983	24,580	4,916	1,966
	Quadruple	6,140	1,228	491	12,280	2,456	982
Eng. José Eduardo dos Santos (JEDS) campus	Single	19,850	3,970	1,588	39,700	7,940	3,176
	Double	15,880	3,176	1,270	31,760	6,352	2,541
	Tripple	11,910	2,382	953	23,820	4,764	1,906
Katima Mulilo Campus	Single	12,290	2,458	983	24,580	4,916	1,966
	Double	9,830	1,966	786	19,660	3,932	1,573
	Quadruple	6,140	1,228	491	12,280	2,456	982
Khomasdal Campus	Double	11,060	2,212	885	22,120	4,424	1,770
	Quadruple	8,600	1,720	688	17,200	3,440	1,376
	Single	19,050	3,810	1,524	38,100	7,620	3,048
Main Campus	Double	15,240	3,048	1,219	30,480	6,096	2,438
	Tripple	11,430	2,286	914	22,860	4,572	1,829
	Quadruple	9,520	1,904	762	19,040	3,808	1,523
Neudamm Campus	Single	19,050	3,810	1,524	38,100	7,620	3,048
	Double	15,240	3,048	1,219	30,480	6,096	2,438
	Tripple	11,430	2,286	914	22,860	4,572	1,829
Ogongo Campus	Single	13,230	2,646	1,058	26,460	5,292	2,117
	Double	10,580	2,116	846	21,160	4,232	1,693
	Single	12,290	2,458	983	24,580	4,916	1,966
Rundu Campus	Double	9,830	1,966	786	19,660	3,932	1,573
	Single	16,540	3,308	1,323	33,080	6,616	2,646
Sam Nujoma Campus	Double	13,230	2,646	1,058	26,460	5,292	2,117
	Single	12,290	2,458	983	24,580	4,916	1,966
Northern Hospital	Single	12,290	2,458	983	24,580	4,916	1,966
	Double	9,830	1,966	786	19,660	3,932	1,573
	Tripple	7,370	1,474	590	14,740	2,948	1,179
Southern Campus	Double	6,140	1,228	491	12,280	2,456	982

- Hostel Registration Notes:**
- Any outstanding hostel fees from previous years must be paid before registration.
 - Compulsory breakfast has been delinked from accommodation fees and breakfast is payable in cash.
 - A Wear & Tear fee of N\$975 is due before or on the day of hostel registration.
 - 20% deposit of hostel fees is payable upfront, with the balance spread over equal monthly instalments until 30 November 2026.
 - We encourage using the online payment platform or bank deposits into the accounts provided below.
 - Ensure bank deposits and electronic transfers are completed 3-4 days before the registration date.
 - Online payments on the UNAM website reflect instantly in your student account.

President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah Listed Among Africa's Most Powerful Women in 2025

• By TUW

Forbes released its annual list of the 100 Most Powerful Women in the World, highlighting women who hold significant influence in politics, business, media, and global leadership. This prestigious ranking evaluates leaders based on their impact, decision-making power, achievements, and influence on both national and international levels. The list celebrates women who are reshaping industries, driving policy changes, and inspiring future generations. Ursula von der Leyen of Belgium tops the global ranking as the most powerful woman in the world in 2025.

Africa has made a strong showing on this year's list, with leaders who are transforming politics, business, and culture.

Among them, Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, the President of Namibia, stands out. She is ranked 79th in the world and 3rd in Africa, reflecting her historic rise to the presidency.

Nandi-Ndaitwah made history as Namibia's first woman president, sworn in on 21 March 2025, the same day the country celebrated its 35th independence anniversary. Her leadership symbolizes progress for gender equality and strong governance in Southern Africa.

Before assuming the presidency, Nandi-Ndaitwah had a long and distinguished career in public service. She

was Vice President of Namibia, Deputy Prime Minister, and held key ministerial portfolios including Foreign Affairs, Environment, and Tourism. Over decades, she has championed gender equality, institutional reform, and regional cooperation. Her presidency marked a milestone as she appointed a female-majority cabinet, signaling a new era of inclusive governance.

Other African women recognized for their impact in 2025 include:

Mary Vilakazi, CEO of FirstRand Group in South Africa, is ranked 74th in the world and 1st in Africa. She broke barriers in the banking sector, expanding FirstRand's global presence and strengthening financial services across the continent.

Judith Suminwa, Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), is ranked 78th in the world and 2nd in Africa. Her leadership reflects progress for women in Central African politics, and she is credited with implementing reforms that strengthen governance and public policy.

Mpumi Madisa, CEO of Bidvest Group in South Africa, is ranked 89th in the world and 4th in Africa. She has transformed one of the country's largest conglomerates, improving operational efficiency and corporate governance.

Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General of the World Trade Organization from Nigeria, is ranked 92nd in the world and 5th in Africa. She continues to shape global trade policies, advocate for developing economies, and provide leadership on economic development in Africa and beyond.



This recognition highlights Africa's growing influence in global leadership, showing that the continent is producing women who are not only driving national progress but also shaping international agendas.

President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, with her historic role and transformative leadership in Namibia, exemplifies the power and impact of African women in 2025.

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Rundu Murder Case Overturned on Appeal, Sentence Reduced to Two Years

• *By TUW*

The High Court has reduced a murder sentence handed down by the Rundu Regional Court after finding serious gaps in the prosecution's case, resulting in a Rundu man now serving only two years in prison.

Tjihonyi Jatwimana was originally convicted of murder and sentenced to 16 years' imprisonment in May 2024. He conducted his own defence during the trial without legal representation.

After reviewing the matter on appeal, the High Court overturned the murder conviction and replaced it with assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm. His sentence was reduced to 24 months' imprisonment, backdated to 14 May 2024.



Higher Court | Picture Contributed

In its ruling, the court found that while Jatwimana was involved in an assault, the state failed to prove beyond reasonable doubt that the assault led to the victim's death. Judges noted that there was no evidence explaining what happened to the injured man after police handed him over to medical staff at Rundu State Hospital.

The court highlighted the absence of testimony from

hospital personnel and the lack of proof linking the assaulted person to the body later examined during the post-mortem. As a result, the chain of evidence required to support a murder conviction was found to be incomplete.

High Court Judge Eileen Rakow, with Judge Claudia Claasen concurring, stressed that the responsibility to prove an unbroken chain of custody lies with the prosecution, particularly where an accused person is unrepresented.

Although the court ruled that these shortcomings were fatal to the murder charge, it held that the available evidence was sufficient to support a conviction for assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, leading to the reduced sentence.

Five-Year-Old Killed After Allegedly Drunk Driver Crashes Into Yard in Otjiwarongo

• *By TUW*

A tragic incident in Otjiwarongo has claimed the life of a five-year-old boy after a vehicle allegedly driven by an intoxicated motorist veered into a residential yard on Friday, 19 December 2025.

Police identified the deceased as Johannes Kalyangu, who was pronounced dead at the scene. According to Otjozondjupa Police Community Liaison Officer, Senior Inspector Maureen Mbeha, the child was with three other children seated under a tree when a 50-year-old man allegedly lost control of his vehicle and drove into the yard.

It is alleged that the driver was under the influence of alcohol and did not possess a valid driver's licence at the time. While two of the children managed to run to safety, Johannes and a one-year-old girl were struck by the vehicle. The toddler sustained minor to moderate injuries and was transported to hospital for medical treatment.

The driver was arrested shortly after the incident and is expected to appear in the Otjiwarongo Magistrate's Court on Monday, 22 December 2025. Police have opened several cases, including culpable homicide, reckless or negligent driving, driving under the influence of alcohol, and driving without a valid licence. Investigations into the matter are ongoing.

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Over 100 women and men of UDP still Pushes for Zambezi Secession Agenda

• By TUV

Supporters associated with the United Democratic Party (UDP) gathered earlier at Choto Grounds before proceeding, under police supervision, to submit a petition to the Zambezi regional authorities calling for the secession of the region from Namibia.

The group later marched to the office of the regional governor, where the petition was formally delivered. Although the UDP was outlawed in 2007 due to its secessionist ideology, the document once again outlined the party's long-standing demand for the Zambezi Region, formerly known as the Caprivi Strip, to separate from the Namibian state. The demonstration followed another protest held two days earlier by different community members, who had already handed a petition to the Governor of Katima Mulilo. In that submission, residents urged the government to prohibit the UDP



United Democratic Party (UDP) gathered earlier today at Choto

from holding public meetings or demonstrations, arguing that such activities undermine national unity.

According to UDP supporters, today's protest was a response to what they described as the government's failure to react to earlier demands within a period they had set. They claim the absence of an official response

prompted the renewed demonstration. However, Zambezi Regional Governor Dorothy has declined to accept a petition submitted by members of the United Democratic Party (UDP), citing procedural concerns. The governor stated that UDP supporters should first engage with their respective traditional authorities, noting that

several traditional leaders had already presented petitions earlier this week opposing the party's secessionist ideology. She emphasized that these petitions reflected the position of community leadership structures within the region and should be taken into account before any further action is pursued.

Meanwhile, some community members questioned the authorities' handling of the situation, raising concerns over why a gathering linked to a banned political organisation was allowed to take place. The events have once again drawn attention to tensions in the region regarding secessionist calls and the enforcement of political restrictions.

Kavango East Police Receive Eight Vehicles as Lt Gen Joseph Shikongo Urges Community Cooperation to Reduce Crime in Rundu

• By Karrel Hamutenya

Lieutenant General Joseph Shimweelao Shikongo has called on community members to take greater responsibility in the fight against crime, stressing that lasting crime reduction will only be possible if residents change their attitudes and work closely with the police.

Shikongo made these remarks during a community information-sharing meeting held at the Government Hall in Rundu, where local leaders, residents and law enforcement officials gathered to discuss rising criminal activities and possible solutions.

He emphasized that while the Namibian Police have a constitutional duty to prevent and combat crime, their efforts will be far more effective with active community involvement.



Picture by Karrel Hamutenya

Shikongo pointed out that stolen goods, particularly clothing, are often quickly sold in neighbouring communities at low prices, creating a ready market for thieves. "When community members knowingly buy stolen items, they indirectly encourage crime. The thief continues stealing because there are customers supporting criminal activities," he said, adding that public cooperation is essential to break this cycle. Addressing internal police operations,

Shikongo revealed plans to reshuffle police officers to different towns. According to him, prolonged deployment in one area can lead to over-familiarity, making it difficult for officers to act decisively against friends, relatives or acquaintances.

He further announced plans to strengthen policing infrastructure in Rundu, including the introduction of surveillance cameras in the town. In addition, Ndama Police Station is set to be upgraded to a Category A police station, a move expected to enhance operational capacity and improve service delivery.

Shikongo concluded by urging police officers to carry out their duties diligently, particularly at police stations, and to strengthen cooperation with community members. He also addressed

concerns from residents about delayed responses due to a lack of police vehicles, stating that this challenge has now been resolved.

According to Shikongo, Kavango East Region has received eight vehicles from the 164 recently procured by the government, which will be deployed to improve response times and support crime-prevention operations. He emphasized that effective policing requires collective responsibility, calling on the public to continue reporting criminal activities and to work hand in hand with law enforcement to ensure safer communities.

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US Introduces Visa Bond Requiring Namibians to Pay Up to N\$250,000

• **By TUW**

The Government of Namibia has officially taken note of a new United States visa bond pilot programme that will require certain travellers from Namibia and other selected countries to post a bond of up to US\$15,000 (about N\$250,000) when applying for B-1/B-2 tourist and business visas. In a media release issued on Friday, the Ministry of International Relations and Trade (MIRT) confirmed that the measure forms part of a temporary pilot initiative introduced by the US government and will apply only to specific foreign nationals identified under the programme. While acknowledging the sovereign right of the United States to set and enforce its own immigration and border management policies, the Ministry cautioned that the high visa bond requirement could affect people-to-people exchanges, including tourism,

business travel, and family visits between the two countries. "These exchanges have over the years contributed positively to the strong and friendly bilateral relations between Namibia and the United States," the Ministry stated. MIRT further indicated that the Namibian government will engage US authorities to seek clarity on the scope, duration, and practical implementation of the programme, including how it will be applied to Namibian citizens compared to travellers from other affected countries. The government reaffirmed its commitment to maintaining constructive diplomatic relations with the United States while ensuring that the interests of Namibian travellers are protected. The Ministry said the public will be kept informed as more details regarding the pilot programme become available.



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MTC Challenges Starlink's Bid for Operating Licence in Namibia

• **By Aneli Fura**

Mobile Telecommunications Company (MTC) has lodged a formal objection against Starlink Internet Services Namibia's application to operate in the country, cautioning that granting the licence would be inconsistent with existing law and could compromise key national priorities. In a submission to the Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN), MTC maintained that Starlink's satellite-driven service model does not align with Namibia's telecommunications regulations. The operator pointed to concerns around compliance with lawful interception requirements, effective spectrum oversight, quality-of-service standards and obligations linked to universal service provision. MTC also took issue with CRAN's decision to treat Starlink's full licence application as confidential,



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arguing that this limits transparency and restricts proper public scrutiny of a matter with significant national implications. The company recalled that Starlink had previously operated unlawfully in Namibia, prompting CRAN to issue a cease-and-desist order and seize unapproved equipment. Beyond regulatory compliance, MTC questioned the affordability of Starlink's services, stating that its pricing structure would place it-

beyond the reach of the majority of Namibians and therefore do little to expand meaningful internet access. The company further raised concerns related to national security, data control, market fairness and the potential impact on domestic investment in the telecommunications sector. MTC concluded that Starlink does not satisfy the legal requirements set out in the Communications Act and urged CRAN to reject the application

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Shipanga Earns FIFA Technical Leadership Diploma

• By NFA

The Namibia Football Association (NFA) has welcomed the successful graduation of its Technical Director, Jaqueline Shipanga, from the FIFA Technical Leadership Diploma, one of the highest qualifications in global football administration.

Shipanga was selected as part of a small, highly competitive group of 22 technical leaders representing 18 countries worldwide who completed the programme's second edition. The graduation ceremony was recently held at FIFA's headquarters in Zurich, Switzerland.

The diploma, regarded as FIFA's top-tier educational programme, is tailored for technical leaders and sporting directors tasked with shaping football systems at national level. Shipanga undertook an intensive 20-month learning journey that began in April 2024 in Germany, completing more than 380 hours of study through a blend of online learning and in-person sessions. Speaking after the graduation, Shipanga described the programme as both demanding and transformative.

"This has been one of the most challenging yet fulfilling experiences of my career," she said. "The course goes far beyond tactics. It focuses on leadership, high performance and management at a strategic level. Learning alongside professionals from different football cultures gave me a broader understanding of what it takes to build a strong and inclusive football system."



Jaqueline Shipanga | Picture NFA

Ultimately, it is about creating real pathways for every talented player in Namibia."

NFA Interim General Secretary Cassius Moetie praised the achievement, highlighting its significance for Namibian football as a whole.

"This is a proud moment for the NFA and the country," Moetie said. "Having our Technical Director recognised by FIFA among the world's leading football minds reflects the quality and ambition within our association. We now look forward to seeing this knowledge applied locally, strengthening our coaching structures, youth development and grassroots programmes."

Launched in 2023, the FIFA Technical Leadership Diploma aims to professionalise the role of Technical Directors globally. Its curriculum takes a comprehensive approach to football development, covering technical leadership, high performance, coach education, grassroots football and strategic management.

Can Kavango East Produce Another Premier League Side for a Third Straight Season?

• By Karrel Hamutenya

The race for promotion in the North East Stream First Division is beginning to take shape after the completion of Round 6 fixtures last weekend, and early indications suggest that Kavango East could once again be firmly in contention to send a team to Namibia's Premier Football League (NPFL) for the third consecutive season.

At this stage of the campaign, Kavango East clubs are making a strong statement at the top of the standings. Kangweru Black Tops FC and Cuca Tops FC currently occupy two of the top three positions on the log, underlining the region's growing competitiveness and ambition.

Kangweru Black Tops FC sit second on the table with 10 points, level with log leaders Further Fighter FC of Oshikango. Their campaign so far has been characterised by attacking intent, having scored seven goals in their opening matches. However, defensive frailties remain a concern, as they have conceded eight goals an area that could prove costly as the season progresses, particularly in tight promotion battles.

Cuca Tops FC, meanwhile, are in third position with nine points, despite having played only four matches two fewer than some of their direct rivals. The former Premier League side, has been one of the most closely watched teams this season. Their performances suggest a team determined to prove that relegation was merely a setback rather than a reflection of their true quality.

In their four outings, Cuca Tops have won three matches, scored seven goals, and conceded just four. This balance between attack and defence points to a more structured and disciplined approach, often seen in teams with top-flight experience. With games in hand, Cuca Tops remain well-positioned to challenge for automatic promotion if they maintain consistency.

Kavango East's recent history further strengthens optimism in the region. Last season, the North East Stream Division produced Rundu Chiefs FC, following the earlier promotion and subsequent relegation of Cuca Tops FC. This pattern highlights the region's ability to consistently compete at high levels, even if sustaining top-flight status remains a challenge.



Stars vs Kangweru | Picture Mario L

Beyond Kavango East, attention must also be given from neighboring Kavango West, who are equally eager to break into the Premier League. KK United, last season's strong title challengers, narrowly missed promotion after finishing third, despite producing the league's top goal scorer. Their current campaign indicates that they are once again building a competitive squad.

KK United have already netted nine goals in four matches, showcasing an effective and potent attacking unit. Only Chief Santos FC, who have scored 13 goals so far, boast a better offensive record this season. While KK United may still be refining their overall structure, their goal-scoring ability keeps them firmly in the promotion conversation.

Competition at the top of the North East Stream First Division is expected to intensify.

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Namibia Premier Football League Intensifies, Who Will Rise and Who Will Fall?

Namibia Premier football League is showing plenty of excitement this season, with several teams making their mark and challenging for top positions.

Mighty Gunners FC continues to be a team to watch in the Premier League. The club has been consistently moving up and down the league table but is showing strong resilience in its quest to claim the top spot. Following last weekend's results, Mighty Gunners returned to the top with 24 points, tied with Eeshoke Chula-Chula FC. The two teams are separated only by goal difference. The question now remains whether Mighty Gunners can maintain their momentum until the end of the season.

Eeshoke Chula-Chula FC, known as the Pride of the North, has also been impressive this season. Slowly but steadily, they have climbed the table, securing all six points from their recent away matches, keeping the pressure on the league leaders.

African Stars FC sits just one point behind the leaders in third place. The club faced a temporary setback after being banned by FIFA due to unresolved player compensation issues. However, the Kaserandu side is showing strong form. Historically, African Stars have used a strategy of slowly progressing in the first leg of the



season and making a strong push in the second. Last season, they overtook FC Ongos to win the league in the final matches, and fans are watching closely to see if a similar pattern will emerge this season, with Mighty Gunners now in their path.

At the other end of the table, **Julinho Sporting** continues to struggle. With only one win in 12 matches, seven losses, and four draws, the Lions of Rundu are in danger of relegation. They face Rundu Chiefs FC at the Rundu Sports Stadium on 21 December 2025, and a win could lift the Chiefs out of the relegation zone and into the top ten.

Tigers FC is also out of form, sitting second last at the bottom with 11 points. The club has managed only three wins, seven losses, and two draws. Sports

analysts suggest that Tigers may need changes in management, or they risk following the path of other major clubs like Black Africa FC, who, despite being historically decorated with multiple Namibia Premier League titles, have been relegated and are now competing in the Second Division.

Meanwhile, **Life Fighter FC** has shown signs of recovery, moving out of the relegation zone after collecting six points last week, giving hope for a strong finish to the season.

With several teams fighting for both top honors and survival, the remainder of the Namibian football season promises to deliver thrilling matches and unforgettable moments.

Namibia Premier Football League Table

#	Club	MP	GD	Pts
1	Mighty Gunners FC	13	9	24
2	Eeshoke Chula-Chula FC	13	8	24
3	African Star FC	13	7	23
4	Unam FC	13	7	23
5	KK Palace FC	13	3	20
6	FC Ongos	12	5	17
7	Eleven Arrows FC	13	-1	17
8	Blue Waters FC	13	4	16
9	Young African FC	12	0	16
10	Bucks Buccaneers FC	13	-6	15
11	Okahandja United	12	-2	13
12	Khomas NAMPOL FC	13	-5	13
13	Life Fighters FC	13	-8	13
14	Rundu Chief FC	12	-4	12
15	Tigers FC	12	-10	11
16	Julinho Athletic FC	12	-7	7

Color under club names representing Last 5 Matches (mobile users):
 1. Green = Win
 2. Red = Loose
 3. Yellow = Draw

Kavango East Won Football and Netball Titles at Dr. Libertine Amathila Annual Sports Tournament



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Kavango East closed the 2025 Dr. Libertine Amathila Annual Sports Tournament on a high note after securing top honors in both football and netball, following strong performances across the competition.

In the football final, Kavango East defeated Kunene B 2-1 to lift the championship trophy. The closely contested match was evenly balanced in the early stages, with both sides going into halftime tied at 1-1. Kavango East, however, showed greater composure in the second half and netted the decisive goal to seal victory. They are now champions for the third consecutive time.

Kavango West secured third place in the football category after edging Oshikoto 1-0 in a tightly fought playoff match, earning a place on the podium. In netball, Kavango East once again proved their dominance by overpowering hosts and defending champions Kunene A with a convincing 25-16 win in the final. The victory saw Kavango East dethrone the hosts and claim the 2025 netball crown.

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