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FRIDAY BRIEF

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HIGHLIGHTS

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Zesco Limited intimated during the ZNFU/Zesco Committee meeting held Thursday 14th January 2021 via ZOOM, that commissioning of the much anticipated KGL has been affected by COVID 19 as movement of strategic personnel has been restricted.

The power utility said while work on the KGL is taking place, projected timelines have been affected.

The plant reached 72% completion in early 2020, with the first unit having been expected to have been commissioned in the fourth quarter of 2020, while the other units were projected to be commissioned in phases.

Housing five 150MW generator units, the project includes the construction of a 139 metre-high concrete-face rock-fill dam (CFRD) with a crest width between 8 metres and 10 metres and a length of approximately 378 metres. It also includes a surface powerhouse with a width of 44.5 metres, a height of 58m and a length of 127m.

Zesco said load shedding is expected to reduce as KGL commissions units, which target has now been set to commence in February 2021.

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ZRA Commissioner General Kingsley Chanda said during his Annual Press Conference at Taj Pamodzi Hotel on 13th JANUARY 2021, that the Authority will reinforce its anti-smuggling operations by working closely with other security wings and also by rolling out usage of drones to enhance aerial patrols.

He said the usage of new technology, through drones, has helped curb smuggling because the equipment is able to traverse difficult terrain where smuggling has been rampant.

He disclosed that last year alone, the anti-smuggling unit managed to save the country some K35.2 billion through its vigilant systems.

ZRA first conducted test flights for drones on 17th August 2019 and managed to impound seven (7) trucks, which illegal traders used to move undeclared cargo in Kapiri Mposhi. More such operations were conducted during the course of 2020.





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This is according to a report obtained from Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA), Friday.

The ZRA has allocated Zambia's Kariba North Bank and Kariba North Bank Extension some 15,000 Bm³ of water, which translates into an equivalent of 391MW of average generation.

From:

1 January 2021

To:

14 January 2021

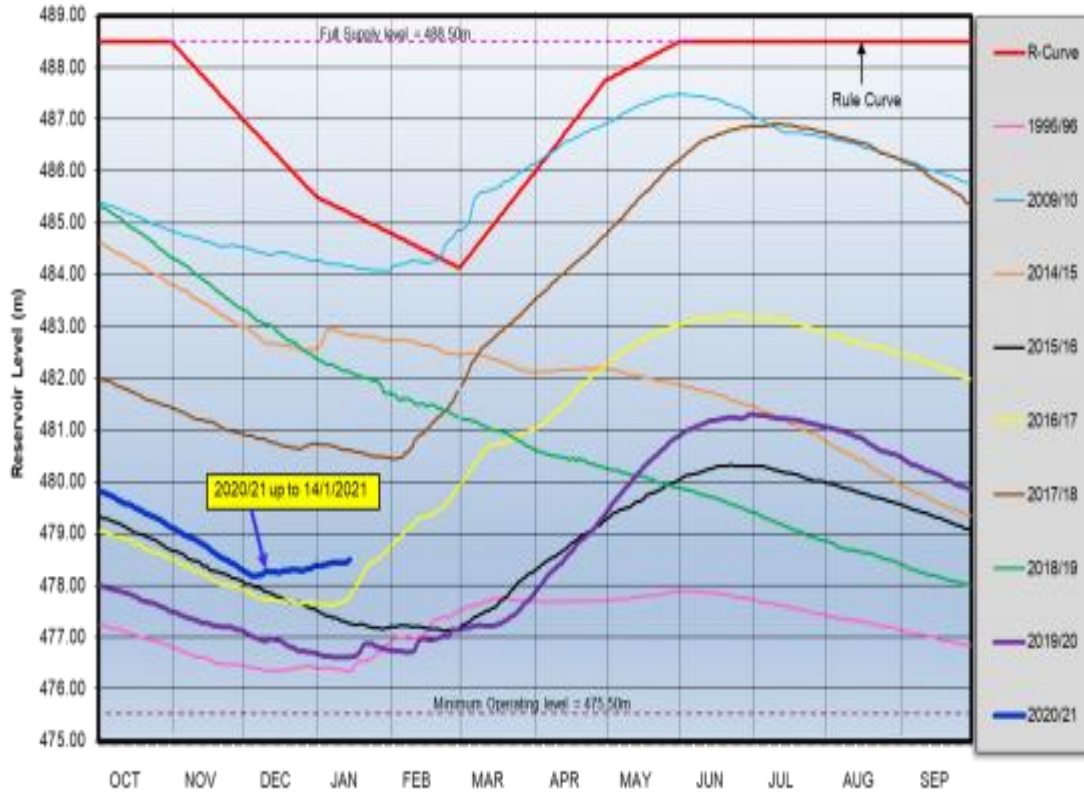
Day	This Year	%Full	Last Year
1/1/2021	478.38	20.08%	476.67
2/1/2021	478.38	20.08%	476.66
3/1/2021	478.39	20.16%	476.64
4/1/2021	478.40	20.23%	476.63
5/1/2021	478.41	20.30%	476.63
6/1/2021	478.43	20.44%	476.63
7/1/2021	478.43	20.44%	476.62
8/1/2021	478.44	20.51%	476.62
9/1/2021	478.44	20.51%	476.62
10/1/2021	478.44	20.51%	476.62
11/1/2021	478.43	20.44%	476.62
12/1/2021	478.43	20.44%	476.61
13/1/2021	478.45	20.58%	476.62
14/1/2021	478.50	20.93%	476.62

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KARIBA RESERVOIR Comparison of Daily Reservoir Levels

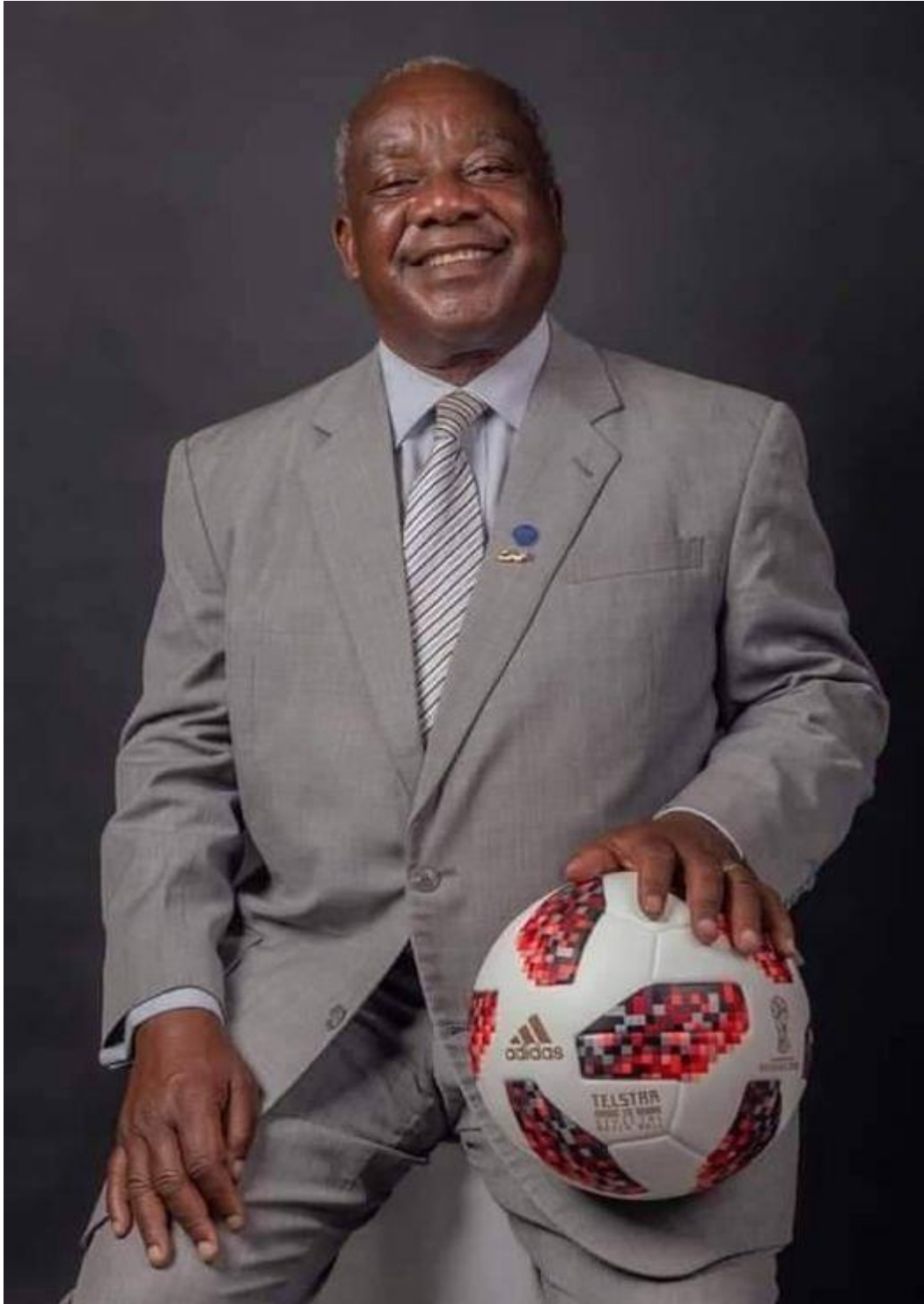


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Mr. Nkole, who was also Vice President of the African Cotton and Textiles Industries Federation (ACTIF) died at the age of 67 at Levy Mwanawasa Hospital in Lusaka after a short illness.

His death was announced by his daughter Chileshe in a statement issued on Friday 8th January 2021.

Mr. Nkole had been on life support machine since Monday 4th January 2021.

Apart from leading the CAZ, an association under the ZNFU ambit, Mr. Nkole once also served as president of the Referees Association of Zambia (RAZ) and as the Football Association of Zambia (FAZ) executive committee member.

At the time of his untimely death, Mr. Nkole was among the three candidates in the race for the FAZ top job alongside Mr. Andrew Kamanga and Mr. Emmanuel Munaile.

Mr. Nkole was put to rest on Wednesday 13th January 2021.

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DAIRY EQUIPMENT SALE

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LAND FOR LEASE

Location: Palabana Farming Area, about 5 Km from Palabana University, off Palabana Road

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IMPORT/ EXPORT INFORMATION DESK FOR FARMERS

International trade is a key aspect in farming, yet challenges emerge whether it's importing or exporting. The Zambia Revenue Authority has identified a key staff to respond in record time to all farmers queries in relation to imports or export information. Therefore, if you are about to import farming equipment whether new or second hand engage the Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA) so that you know in advance what taxes are applicable. This will help you plan and avoid surprises when the equipment is at the border. The contact details for the ZRA official dealing with farmers are as follows;

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Customs Collector

Revenue House

Zambia Revenue Authority

P.O. Box 35710, Lusaka

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WEATHER

ZAMBIA EVENING WEATHER FORECAST: FRIDAY (15/01/2021)

FORECAST FOR TONIGHT: FRIDAY (15/01/2021)

Eastern, Muchinga and Northern Provinces: Mainly cloudy with isolated rain and thunder.

The Rest of Zambia: Cloudy with rain and thunder.

FORECAST FOR TOMORROW: SATURDAY (16/01/2021)

Eastern, Muchinga and Northern Provinces: Mainly cloudy with morning rain. The afternoon will still be mainly cloudy with isolated thundershowers. The night will be partly cloudy with a chance of rain and thunder.

The rest of Zambia: Mainly cloudy with rain in the morning. The afternoon will be mostly cloudy with outbreaks of rain. The nights will be mainly cloudy with isolated rain and thunder.





OUTLOOK TO SUNDAY (17/01/2021)

Reduction in rainfall activities especially over the eastern half of the Country.

REPORTED RAINFALL IN MILLIMETRES (MM) AT 08:00HRS: FRIDAY (15/01/2021)

Mongu 40, Ndola 37, Senanga 34, Misamfu 31, Mpulungu 30, Mbala 28, Kabompo 26, Petauke 25, Isoka 24, KKIA and Mt Makulu 16, Serenje 14, Samfya and Solwezi 13, Kawambwa 11, Mwinilunga and Kabwe Met 10, Chinsali FTC 9, Kasama and Kaoma 7, Kasempa 5, Chipata and Mumbwa 2, Mpika and Zambezi 1, Kalabo and Msekera had a Trace (less than 1mm).

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