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Singapore-based Orient Victoria Capital and South Africa's KP Partners are buying into King Price Insurance Namibia through a transaction that will give the two firms indirect control of the insurer.

The deal involves the acquisition of King Price Financial Services (KPFs), the South African parent company that controls King Price Namibia.

While the value of the transaction and the size of the shareholding acquired were

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King Price Namibia provides non-life insurance products including vehicle, home, building, personal accident, commercial and engineering cover.

not disclosed, the move gives the foreign investors a foothold in Namibia's short-term insurance market.

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The transaction also includes South African firm Porcupine Union, which provides actuarial modelling, pricing systems, digital services, payroll, marketing and human resources support to companies within the King Price Group.

Orient Victoria Capital currently has no direct operations in Namibia.

However, the wider Orient Group already has indirect exposure to the local market through Karooooo Limited, which owns vehicle tracking and fleet management company Cartrack Namibia.

KP Partners similarly has no other business activities in Namibia outside its interests linked to King Price.

The Namibia Competition

Commission has approved the transaction without conditions after concluding that the deal is unlikely to reduce competition or create a dominant market player in Namibia's insurance sector.

The regulator assessed the acquisition across the country's short-term insurance market as well as related actuarial, digital and support service industries before granting approval.

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Namibia's annual inflation slows to 3.1%

Namibia's annual inflation rate slowed to 3.1% in April 2026, down from 3.6% recorded during the same period last year.

According to the latest Consumer Price Index bulletin released by the Namibia Statistics Agency, monthly inflation rose to 1.1% in April from 0.2% recorded in March.

NSA Statistician General Alex Shimuafeni said core inflation stood at 2.8%, slightly below the overall inflation rate.

"The annual inflation rate for April 2026 stood at 3.1 percent, compared to 3.6 percent recorded in April 2025. On a monthly basis, inflation was 1.1 percent, up from 0.2 percent in the previous

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month. Core inflation stood at 2.8 percent, slightly below the headline inflation rate,” Shimuafeni said.

Food prices were one of the main reasons inflation eased.

The ‘Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages’ category recorded annual inflation of 2.0%, down sharply from 5.6% in April 2025.

Prices for bread and cereals declined by 0.8%, mainly due to lower maize meal and grain prices. Last year, maize meal prices had increased by 9.8%, but this year prices fell by 6.1%.

“On a monthly basis, the category recorded an increase of 0.3 percent, compared to 0.4 percent in the preceding month,” the report said.

Despite lower food inflation, housing and transport costs continued to rise.

Housing, water and electricity inflation increased to 4.4%, making it the biggest contributor to overall inflation.

Transport costs also rose by 5.0% compared to last year, driven mainly by fuel price increases.

The report said the cost of operating personal transport increased by 7.3%.

“On a monthly basis, the inflation rate stood at 5.8 percent in April 2026, a sharp increase from 0.4 percent recorded in the previous month,” the report noted.

Some categories recorded lower prices. Communication costs declined by 1.3%.

However, prices for fruit rose by 10.9%, while hotels, cafés and restaurants recorded inflation of 4.9%.

“Additionally, while Communication recorded a 1.3 percent deflation, other divisions reported inflation,” the report stated.

Inflation also differed across the country. Zone 2, which includes the Khomas Region, recorded the highest annual inflation rate at 4.2%.

Zone 1, covering the northern regions, recorded the lowest inflation rate at 2.1%, down from 3.7% a year earlier.

Zone 3, which includes the southern and coastal regions, recorded inflation of 2.9%, compared to 4.1% last year.

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Namibia's health sector in reform

By Matuikuani Dax

Namibia's health sector is no stranger to crisis. Crisis is not always defined by a single failure, but sometimes by the incremental convergence of fault lines; regulatory gridlock in health professions licensing, instability within health insurance providers, and the contentious rollout of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) reform as well as outbreaks of disease.

These are not isolated "fires" to be extinguished. They are symptoms of a system under structural strain—one that now demands coordinated reform rather than piecemeal fixes.

Where We Are

The ongoing tensions at the Health Professions Council reflect issues of governance, transparency, and trust. When registration and licensing processes become unpredictable or contested, the consequences ripple across the system— affecting workforce morale, service delivery, and ultimately patient care.

In a country already grappling with the paradox of unemployed health professionals alongside underserved communities, regulatory instability threatens an already fragile equilibrium.

Similarly, the PSEMAS and NAMAFA situation has laid bare longstanding inefficiencies in health financing and purchasing.

What should function as a strategic purchaser of care has instead become emblematic of cost overruns, weak controls, and misaligned incentives.



What is required now is a shift from reactive crisis management to deliberate sectoral redesign.

The result is a system where expenditure rises without a commensurate improvement in health outcomes and financial accountability.

Overlaying these challenges is the UHC, which represents both an opportunity and a risk. On paper, UHC offers a pathway toward equity, pooling of risk, and more rational health financing.

In practice, however, its success hinges on whether Namibia can align institutions, financing mechanisms, regulators and service delivery under a coherent vision. Without this alignment, UHC risks becoming another layer of complexity added onto an already fragmented system.

A Voiceless Sector

Compounding these structural challenges is the growing fragmentation among professional bodies and associations. Across the sector, multiple groups demand a seat at the policy table.

Inclusive governance is essential to any legitimate reform process. But representation without coherence risks becoming counterproductive.

Often, these bodies approach reform

processes not as a collective sector, but as competing constituencies. Individual associations lobby for professional recognition, reimbursement advantages, or regulatory concessions that serve their members—yet rarely articulate unified vision for the health sector as a whole.

The result is a chorus of divergent voices, each advancing narrow interests, with little alignment on national priorities.

This fragmentation weakens the sector's ability to influence reform meaningfully, creating policy noise instead of policy direction. Worse still, it can inadvertently reinforce the very governance crises these groups seek to address, as policymakers are left navigating competing demands rather than engaging a coherent counterpart.

Healthcare providers cannot afford to speak in fragmented, contradictory tones at a moment of systemic reform. Without a shared platform—one that balances professional interests with broader public health goals—the sector risks perpetuating the very instability it seeks to resolve.

The Reform Imperative

What is required now is a shift from reactive crisis management to deliberate sectoral redesign. This means moving beyond addressing individual scandals or institutional failures, and instead asking how the sector and its systems as a whole should function.

Yet even the most well-designed reforms will fail without a credible mechanism for implementation. This is where Namibia's reform agenda has historically faltered—not in vision, but in execution.

What is urgently needed is a structured, system-wide change management process.

Reform of this scale cannot be left to fragmented institutional efforts or ad hoc coordination.

It requires a dedicated process management function—an independent, empowered, technically competent team tasked specifically with managing the transition. This team must sit at the centre of reform, coordinating across regulatory bodies, financing institutions, professional associations, and service providers.

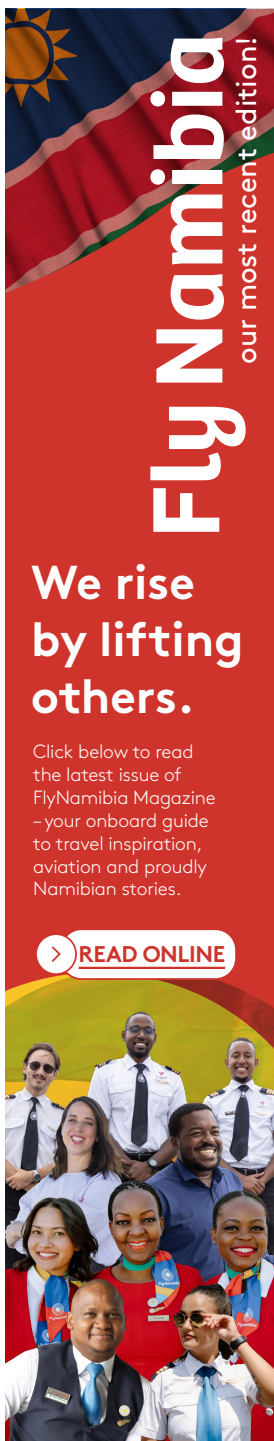
Its role would be clear: to translate policy into process, to sequence reforms, to manage stakeholder engagement, to track implementation, and to course-correct in real time.

Without such a mechanism, even the most promising reforms risk being diluted or derailed by institutional inertia and competing interests. Change does not happen because it is announced. It must be actively managed.

The Roadmap

In the short term, stabilizing key institutions is critical. This includes resolving registration challenges, restoring

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confidence in regulatory bodies, and implementing immediate financial controls within PSEMAS. These are confidence-building measures—signals that the system can still function.

In the medium term, attention must shift to structural reforms: consolidating risk pools, strengthening health information systems, and piloting UHC mechanisms in a controlled, evidence-driven manner. This phase requires not only technical rigor, but sectoral alignment.

In the long term, Namibia must build a resilient, integrated health system anchored in primary health care. This is where UHC ultimately succeeds or fails.

Change Management Challenge

Perhaps the greatest obstacle is not technical, but political. Reform inevitably creates winners and losers. Professional groups may resist changes to regulatory authority.

Private sector actors may push back against new purchasing arrangements. Even within government, competing mandates and institutional turf battles can stall progress. And, critically, fragmented professional advocacy can amplify this resistance rather than resolve it.

Managing resistance requires more than policy design; it requires strategy. Transparent communication, stakeholder engagement, and phased implementation are essential. Reform must be framed not as a zero-sum redistribution of power, but as a collective investment in system sustainability.

Concurrently, political leadership must be willing to make difficult decisions. Incrementalism brought Namibia to its current impasse.

Meaningful reform requires confronting entrenched interests and challenging long-standing assumptions about how the health sector operates.

A System Built to Last

Namibia's leadership needs to design a health system that is fit for purpose—not only for today's pressures, but for future generations, as envisioned in the Constitution.

This cannot be a reform agenda bound to a single political term or personality but must move beyond the immediacy of any one presidency to take on the discipline of long-term nation-building; with a health system built with the same resilience as our apartheid critical infrastructure, capable of absorbing shocks, adapting to change, and delivering consistently over decades.



Yango increases fares by 5% to help drivers meet compliance costs

Ride-hailing platform Yango has increased fares in Namibia by 5% as part of efforts to help drivers cover the costs of complying with new transport regulations.

The company said the adjustment is aimed at easing the financial pressure on drivers required to secure permits and supporting documentation under the current compliance process.

Yango's newly appointed Country Manager for Namibia and parts of Africa, Alex Mora, said the increase was introduced in March after Works and Transport Minister Veikko Nekundi granted unregistered e-hailing operators a 56-day compliance period to obtain public passenger permits or risk having their vehicles impounded.

Mora said the fare increase forms part of a broader package of measures introduced to support drivers during the transition period.

"Besides this, we have also increased fares to help drivers cover some of the costs associated with compliance. We recently implemented a 5% fare increase specifically for this purpose, as part of efforts to encourage drivers to become compliant," he said.

In addition to the fare increase, Yango has temporarily waived commission fees for drivers who have already completed the compliance process. The move allows compliant drivers to retain their full trip earnings for a limited period, helping them recover some of the costs incurred.

Mora said the company has also covered the N\$850 cost of temporary permits for

drivers using its platform, noting that the fee places a heavy burden on many operators.

He added that many drivers work across multiple ride-hailing platforms, meaning the support provided by Yango also benefits their operations elsewhere.

“The cost is significant for drivers, and we understand that, from an economic perspective, it can be difficult for them to absorb. As a result, Yango has offered to cover the cost of these applications for drivers on our platform. It is also worth noting that many drivers on our platform operate on

other ride-hailing platforms as well and are not exclusive to us. This means that while we are covering these fees, the benefits extend to their work across other platforms too,” Mora said. Yango has also expanded its internal compliance support by deploying an additional 25 agents to assist drivers with document collection, permit applications and submissions to the Roads Authority.

According to the company, more than 1,400 driver applications have been processed so far, with over 1,200 already submitted to authorities. Mora said although the response from drivers has been positive, the process continues to face delays linked to centralised roadworthy inspections and the issuing of police certificates of conduct.

He said the company remains committed to working with authorities and drivers to ensure compliance while protecting the livelihoods of those dependent on ride-hailing services.

“So far, 414 applications have been approved by the Roads Authority. Credit must be given to the board and its dedicated team, who have been working specifically on this process. They have also been working overtime, including during public holidays and weekends, to assist with the applications. Their efforts, together with those of the police in processing certificates of conduct, have been important in moving the process forward,” Mora said.



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Why Namibia's trade moment matters more than ever

By Hellen Amupolo

Namibia is entering a period where the conversation around trade is becoming more tangible for everyday businesses.

As global supply chains continue to adjust and regional trade becomes less abstract and more operational, the question is no longer whether Namibia is well positioned, but whether local enterprises are ready to participate meaningfully in what lies ahead.

From where I sit, the most important shift is not happening only at the level of ports, corridors or policy frameworks.

It is happening at the level of small and mid-sized businesses that are increasingly being drawn into regional value chains, sometimes deliberately and sometimes simply because demand is finding them.

Namibia's location has always offered an advantage, but location only matters if it translates into opportunity for the businesses operating here. The Port of Walvis Bay and the corridors that feed into it are becoming more relevant to traders, suppliers, logistics operators and producers who previously saw regional trade as something distant or reserved for larger players. As transport routes become more reliable and regional demand patterns shift, more Namibian businesses are finding themselves one step closer to customers beyond our borders.

What often determines whether they can respond is not ambition, but readiness. For many businesses, participation in trade



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depends on practical considerations such as whether they can finance inventory, replace ageing equipment, manage uneven cash flows or absorb longer payment cycles. These are not abstract challenges. They are day-to-day realities for wholesalers, contractors, agri-processors and service providers trying to grow without overextending themselves.

Encouragingly, there are signs that business confidence is beginning to translate into action. More enterprises are investing in productive assets, upgrading fleets, improving systems and formalising operations in order to meet demand more reliably. This is particularly evident among mid-sized businesses that have outgrown purely local markets but are still navigating what scale looks like in practice. Their growth tends to be incremental rather than dramatic, but it is precisely this segment that creates jobs, builds resilience and anchors local supply chains.

Digitalisation is also changing how businesses engage with trade. For many,

the adoption of real-time banking, digital payments and better cash flow visibility has made it easier to manage the uncertainty that comes with expansion. Faster settlements and improved financial oversight reduce the risk that often discourages small businesses from taking on new customers or entering new markets.

Vision 2030 speaks to inclusive growth and sustainability, and these objectives depend heavily on how well smaller and mid-sized enterprises are supported to grow responsibly. Trade should not remain the preserve of a few highly capitalised firms. Its benefits are strongest when participation is broad and when businesses across sectors are able to supply, distribute and service the regional economy. Namibia's opportunity lies in ensuring that trade activity strengthens the domestic business base rather than bypassing it. That means making it easier for

enterprises to access finance that aligns with their operating realities, to invest at the right pace and to build capacity without undue strain. It also means paying attention to the fundamentals that matter most to business owners: predictability, affordability and the ability to plan ahead with confidence.

This moment calls for steady, practical progress rather than overstatement. The foundations are in place, but the real measure of success will be whether ordinary businesses feel the impact in their order books, their balance sheets and their ability to employ more people. Namibia's trade story is becoming more immediate. The task now is to ensure that local enterprises are not just observers of that story, but active participants in it.

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MTC and NHE partner to bring internet connectivity to new housing projects

MTC Namibia and National Housing Enterprise have signed an agreement to improve internet and telecommunications services in current and future NHE housing projects across Namibia.

The partnership aims to ensure that new housing developments are built with fibre and other telecommunications infrastructure already included during construction.

Under the agreement, the two institutions will work together over the next five years to install MTC's Spectra Home fibre services in

new housing areas developed by NHE.

This means internet cables and related infrastructure can be laid while roads and other civil works are being done, reducing costs and speeding up the rollout of high-speed internet services.

The agreement also includes cooperation in mobile services, wireless technology, fibre installation, surveillance systems and other digital services needed in housing developments.

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connected homes should become standard in Namibia.

“Owning a house that is smart and digitally

connected must not be optional,” Erastus said.

He said the partnership would help build communities with reliable and future-ready telecommunications infrastructure.

A Joint Technical Steering Committee will also be created to oversee planning and technical coordination between the two institutions.

Gisbertus Mukulu said the partnership would help NHE provide affordable housing that meets the changing needs of Namibians.

“In light of the increasingly technology-driven environment, the partnership will support the delivery of affordable, quality smart homes with enhanced digital connectivity for clients,” Mukulu said.

The agreement also includes joint research, data sharing and customer-focused projects aimed at supporting Namibia’s wider social and economic development goals.

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Cabinet approves Green Industries Council to drive industrialisation and jobs

The Namibian Cabinet has approved the establishment of a Green Industries Council aimed at accelerating the development of the country's green industry sector and positioning it as a driver of



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industrialisation, economic diversification and job creation.

The new body will replace the former Green Hydrogen Council, whose term ended in February 2025.

Announcing the decision, Minister of Information, Communication and Technology, Emma Theofelus said Cabinet reviewed the current state of Namibia's green industry sector, focusing on policy, institutional and investment priorities needed to unlock growth.

“Cabinet took note of the current status of the green industry sector in Namibia with particular focus on development of the industry, key policy, institutional and investment priorities required to enable the sector to achieve its strategic objectives of industrialisation, economic diversification and job creation. Further to this, Cabinet approved the establishment of the Green Industries Council,” Theofelus said.

The council will be chaired by National Planning Commission Director General Kaire Mbuende and will include several senior Cabinet ministers and state officials.

“First, the Director General of the National Planning Commission as its chairperson, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform, the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, the Minister of International Relations and Trade, the Minister of Urban and Rural Development, and of course, the Attorney General and the Governor of the Bank of Namibia,” Theofelus said.

The move comes as Namibia pushes to expand investment in green hydrogen and other green industrial projects as part of broader plans to diversify the economy and create employment opportunities.



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Teachers aren't machines and they shouldn't have to act like them

By Simeon Tuyoleni

The system has built good frameworks. The problem is that following them and connecting with every child personally are two things that cannot both be done by one exhausted human being.



Nobody became a teacher to fill in forms. They became a teacher because somewhere in them is a belief that they can make a difference to a young person's life. That belief is still there in most of the teachers standing in Namibian classrooms today. What is harder to find is the time and energy to act on it.

The frameworks the system has built are not wrong. Lesson plans, curriculum timelines, assessment structures, they exist for good reasons and they bring consistency to something that could easily fall apart without them. The issue is not the frameworks. The issue is what we expect a teacher to be while following them.

The same system that expects every document submitted on time also expects every child to be seen as an individual.



Teaching in Namibia also carries an emotional weight that is rarely acknowledged.

It expects the teacher to notice who is falling behind, to adapt when something is not understood, to respond to the child in front of them rather than just deliver content to them. Those are not small things to ask. They require a kind of presence and emotional availability that does not appear on any checklist.

Think about what it actually takes to notice a child. Not just to see them sitting in the classroom, but to really notice them. The one who understood fractions last week but has gone quiet this week. The one who copies everything from the board but never asks a question. The one who is bright enough to hide that they are completely lost. Catching those moments requires attention. It requires a teacher

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who still has something left to give by the time they are standing in front of that class.

That is what gets forced out when the job becomes about keeping up rather than connecting. A teacher managing classes of around 40 learners each, working through a stack of weekly lesson plan submissions, marking notebooks by hand in the evenings, that teacher is not failing anyone intentionally. They are just running out of the one thing the human side of teaching needs most, which is space.

Teaching in Namibia also carries an emotional weight that is rarely acknowledged. Many learners walk through the school gate carrying

difficulties from home. For some of them, the teacher is the most consistent adult in their day. That is not a small thing to hold, and it does not stay at school when the bell rings. It follows a teacher home and sits with them.

Imagine if teachers are given support that takes some of the load off, whether that is tools that handle planning and curriculum tracking or simply a school culture that does not pile on more than people can carry, what comes back is not just time. It is the part of a teacher that a framework cannot produce. The patience to explain something again. The instinct to check on the child who seems fine but is not. The warmth that makes a learner feel safe enough to say they do not understand.

Teachers are not machines. They cannot process an unlimited workload and still show up fully human for the children who need them to. The frameworks will always be there. What needs to change is the expectation that a person can follow every one of them and still have everything it takes to reach every child personally.

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**Simeon Tuyoleni, a software engineer and founder of Asmbly, where we bring together the teachers, learners, and the system to improve the quality of education in Namibia and beyond.*

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Namibia and Angola to sign satellite communications agreement

Namibia and Angola will soon sign a memorandum of understanding on information and communication technologies aimed at strengthening satellite communications and closing network coverage gaps in Namibia.

The agreement, approved by Cabinet, will be signed between Namibia's Ministry of Information and Communication Technology and Angola's Ministry of Telecommunications, Information Technologies and Social Communication.

Minister of Information and Communication Technology Emma Theofelus said Cabinet had authorised her to sign the agreement on behalf of Namibia.

"The next Cabinet decision is a memorandum of understanding between the Republic of Namibia and the Republic of Angola on cooperation in the field of information and communication technologies. Cabinet approved the signing of this MOU between the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology of the Republic of Namibia and the Ministry of Telecommunications, Information Technologies and Social

Communication of the Republic of Angola in order to collaborate in satellite communications in order to enhance network coverage in Namibia and close the existing network gaps," Theofelus said.

The deal comes as the two countries deepen cooperation on regional digital infrastructure and telecommunications connectivity. It also builds on a strategic partnership signed in April between Telecom Namibia and Angola Telecom in Swakopmund.

That agreement granted Angola access to international bandwidth through the Equiano Subsea Cable landing station in Swakopmund and created a framework for integration with Angola's SARSSy Subsea Cable System.

Government said the latest agreement is expected to improve network reliability, strengthen digital connectivity and support efforts to expand telecommunications access in underserved areas.

The partnership also aligns with Namibia's broader digital transformation agenda under Vision 2030, the Sixth National Development Plan and Harambee Prosperity Plan II.

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