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# Journalist Zororo Makamba becomes Zimbabwe's first Covid-19 death | News24

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Journalist Zororo Makamba.



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The Health Ministry on Monday confirmed the number of coronavirus cases in the country surged to 402, up 128 from the previous day. All nine SA provinces now have confirmed cases of Covid-19.

Journalist Zororo Makamba has become Zimbabwe's first coronavirus death.

According to [ZBC News](#), Health and Child Care Minister Obediah Moyo confirmed the death of the prominent journalist, Makamba. He was 30-years-old. Makamba was the second person to test positive for the virus in Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwean - South African businessman, Mutumwa Mawere confirmed the passing via his social media.

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— Mutumwa (@mmawere) [March 23, 2020](#)

Reports suggest that Makamba was confirmed positive with the virus on Saturday and had returned to Zimbabwe from New York on 9 March 2020.

Zororo was the son of Zimbabwean businessman James Makamba.

Tributes poured in for Makamba. Zimbabwean politician Jonathan

Moyo said it was a "tragedy".

"Words alone cannot capture and convey the profound pain from this unfathomable tragedy. Heartfelt condolences to the Makamba family! #RIPZororoMakamba," he tweeted,



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