



DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

PRESS RELEASE

UPDATE ON HIGH PROFILE CASES RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM THE MALAWI POLICE SERVICE

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions wishes to inform members of the public that on the 20th of October, 2020, the following case dockets were received from the Malawi Police Service for perusal and possible prosecution:

- 1. The Republic -v- Collins Magalasi;*
- 2. The Republic -v- Godfrey Itaye & 2 Others;*
- 3. The Republic -v- Christopher Chisoni & 5 Others;*
- 4. The Republic -v- Allexon Allan Chiwaya & Another.*

At this stage of its operations, the Service Charter of the Directorate of Public Prosecutions affords 21 days for the perusal and legal analysis of a case docket. The aim is to enhance efficiency and effectiveness in subsequent prosecutions.

There are two other matters falling into the category of the cases above that are already in court. The case of *The Rep -v- Norman Chisale* (attempted murder in Blantyre) returns to court on 26th November, 2020, at the Blantyre High Court. Again, the case of *The Rep -v- Norman Chisale* (personating a person named in a certificate) also returns to court on 13th November, at the Senior Resident Magistrate's court in Lilongwe. The case of the murder of Mr. Issa Njaunju is still at investigations stage and is therefore not with the office of the Director of the Public Prosecutions.

The public is further informed that in terms of **section 30(c) of the Access to Information Act (Act No. 13 of 2017)**, the office of the Director of Public Prosecution is not always in a position to be providing information to the general public since such information has a likelihood to cause substantial harm to the legitimate interests of the nation in crime prevention and any preliminary investigation of criminal or other unlawful acts.

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