



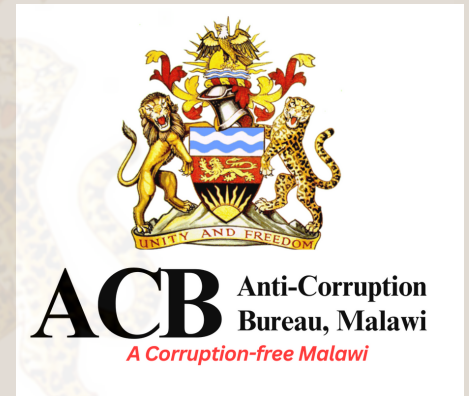
Editorial

Welcome to ACB Update, the official monthly news bulletin of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) in Malawi. The ACB was established in 1995 through the Corrupt Practices Act. Among others, its mandate is to take necessary measures for the prevention of corruption. This is achieved through corruption prevention initiatives, raising awareness, behavioural change and investigations and prosecutions to punish perpetrators of corruption. Corruption is a very complex and highly secretive type of crime. It involves people who are ready to hide traces of their criminal acts through elimination of evidence, witnesses and engaging in further corruption by bribing witnesses and other

stakeholders to delay the cases.

Due to complexity of corruption cases, thorough investigations and prosecutions are required. This, therefore, sometimes takes long to conclude.

The ACB Update is a transparency tool for Malawians to be in the loop of different activities done by the ACB in the fight against corruption. ACB remains optimistic that the fight against corruption will be won in our lifetime as long as all stakeholders continue to work together.



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UPDATES ON ACTIVITIES

ACB Commemorates African Anti-Corruption Day at Various Locations

On 11th July 2023, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), joined the rest of the African countries in commemorating the African Anti-Corruption Day under the theme “AUCPCC, 20 Years After; Achievements and Prospects”.

The ACB conducted activities to commemorate the day and raise awareness on the evils of corruption. The Activities were conducted at regional level; Neno in Southern Region, Songani in Eastern Region, and Msundwe in Central Region. The activities included public forums and football bonanzas during which other activities such as poems, comedies, and dancing competitions were carried out. Winners went away with cash prizes and ACB branded materials.

In Mzuzu, a community engagement meeting was held in Mzimba at Kakholi school ground at Jenda.



Commencement of The Development Of Legislation for The Protection of Whistle-Blowers Programme

The Bureau managed to source funding to start the process of development of the Legislation on the Protection of whistle-blowers. On 20th July 2023 the Special Law Commission on the Development of Legislation on the Protection of Whistle-blowers commenced its work.

When developed, the law will provide for the statutory protection of whistle-blowers against reprisals and other forms of retribution that prevent potential whistle-blowers from disclosing illegal acts or other forms of misconduct that are committed by individuals or institutions within the public and private sectors in a safe and reliable manner.

ACB Signs MoU with ROSAF

ACB signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Roads Safety Alliance Foundation (ROSAF) on 24th July. The MoU will help raise awareness on the dangers of corrupt practices in the road transport sector.

ACB Aids Parliament IIC

The ACB provided technical support to the Institutional Integrity Committee of Parliament to finalise review of Parliament Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy. The Policy will ensure increased internal controls and strengthen corruption reporting mechanisms at Parliament.

Asset Recovery

The Bureau continues its efforts in pursuing asset recovery alongside law enforcement. Apart from cash, the Bureau also recovered a Mercedes Benz within the month of July. In the same month the Bureau removed from Malawi Police premises the remaining vehicles that were forfeited to Government and had been at Area 30 Police Headquarters premises for a very long time. The Bureau is processing the vehicles for due disposal.



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UPDATES ON UPCOMING CASES

NO	CASE	COURT	DATE	STATUS
1	Rep. vs. Saulos Chilima	Financial Crimes Court- Lilongwe	1 August	Plea and directions
2	Rep. vs. Cecilia Chazama	Blantyre Magistrate Court	2 August	Prosecution hearing
3	Rep vs. Reyneck Matemba	Financial Crimes Court- Lilongwe	3 August	Plea and directions
4	Rep. vs. Mzomera and another	Senior Resident Magistrate, Mzuzu	4 August	Ruling of case or no case to answer
5	Rep. vs. Monica Muotchamanja	Central Court- Blantyre	8 August	Prosecution hearing
6	Manson Phiri	Financial Crimes Court Mzuzu	8 August	Confirmation of sentence
7	Rep. vs. Innocent Ndalisa	Principal Resident Magistrate Court Lilongwe	8 August	Ruling
8	Rep. vs. Justin Kathumba	Thyolo Senior Magistrate Court	10 August	Defense hearing
9	Rep. vs. Nebert Kamanga	Chikwawa Magistrates Court	11 August	Judgment
10	Rep vs. Newton Kambala and others	Chief Resident Magistrate Court – Lilongwe	14 August	Prosecution hearing
11	Rep vs Rodwell Mwenebanda	Mzuzu Principal Resident Magistrate Court	14 August	Prosecution hearing
12	Rep. vs. Enoch Chizuzu	Senior Resident Magistrate Court, Blantyre Central	15 August	Defense hearing
13	Rep. vs. Josephine Mkwamba	Chiradzulu First Magistrate Court	22 August	Prosecution hearing
14	Rep. vs. Edson Kaudzu & Others	Nkhotakota Magistrate Court	29 August	Prosecution hearing
15	Rep. vs. Martin Mponda	Nkhotakota Magistrate Court	30 August	Prosecution hearing
16	Rep. vs. Harry Ngulube	Senior Resident Magistrate Court, Lilongwe	30 August	Prosecution hearing
17	Rep vs. Sinosi Maliano and Charles Fodya	Chief Resident Magistrate Court, Lilongwe	31 August to 1 September	Further hearing. Closing of a prosecutions case

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