



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 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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ACTIVITY UPDATES

ACB Conducts Awareness in Phalombe and Mchinji

ACB conducted community awareness at GVH Chimbalanga at TA Chiwalo in Phalombe and with TA Simphasi ADC at Chimteka TDC in Mchinji. The activities were graced by stakeholders from Police, Ministries of Agriculture, Health, and Social Welfare among others. The stakeholders discussed what they are doing in the fight against corruption as spelled by NACS II.

The were organized in collaboration with Mpinda Anti-corruption Champions of Phalombe and NICE TRUST in Mchinji.

ACB, MIE and Ministry Of Education Develop An Anti-Corruption Sourcebook for Primary School Education

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) in collaboration with Malawi Institute of Education (MIE) and the Ministry of Education have develop an anti-corruption source book to supplement the content in primary schools.

With the aim to prepare the stakeholders for the roll out of the source book, from 15 to 17 August 2023, The Anti-Corruption Bureau and its partners conducted a three-day training of trainers for thirty education officials. This included representatives of Primary Education Advisors, primary school teachers, head teachers and officials from the Ministry of Education. The training of trainers was held at Kumbali Lodge in Lilongwe. It is hoped that the trained trainers will train teachers across the country at primary level.

Through integrating the anti-corruption drive with the education system and the curricula right from primary school, it is hoped that success will be quickly realized as Youth are part of the key to elimination of corruption.

The ACB received financial and technical support from the Government of Malawi, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nation Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and many stakeholders that made the source book project a reality.

ACB Conducts a Media Workshop on The Role Of Media in The Fight Against Corruption

The Public Relations section conducted a media workshop in Salima on 29th August 2023, to refresh the media on its role in the fight against corruption both as a watchdog and a pillar in the National Anti-Corruption Strategy 2 (NACS2). The workshop was targeting 20 media practitioners but 19 availed themselves.

Noting that the media stands at the centre of the fight against corruption since it works with all the pillars in the fight, the Anti-corruption Bureau continues to strengthen its relationship with the media by conducting capacity building activities.



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COURT CASES UPDATES

Court Rules in Favour of ACB on Seeking Consent to Prosecute

The Financial Crimes Court ruled in favour of ACB in a case where three suspects were challenging the Bureau for Prosecuting them without consent from the DPP after the Section 42 was repealed by Parliament.

The ruling was made on 24th of August 2023, at the Financial Crimes Court in Lilongwe. Suspects of a corruption case Mr. Mpakani and Maganga were challenging the Bureau for prosecuting them without seeking consent from the DPP and they were also seeking a judicial review to challenge the constitutionality of the Corrupt Practices Act amendment. The Court ruled that the two did not have sufficient basis for the court to grant leave to commence judicial review proceedings. The Court dismissed the application with costs. This means that the suspects will have to pay the Bureau for the cost of this application.

ACB to Investigate Mombera University

This follows an audit report from the Auditor General's office where the Bureau had referred the complaint for an audit to be conducted to ascertain whether funds were indeed mismanaged.

Kainja Case

Now committed to the High Court.

Matemba Case

Plea taken. State expected to start parading witnesses on 25th to 27th September 2023

Nocma Case

Adjournment of Nocma case to October. Due to the death of Hon. Goodall Gondwe and T/A Malemia from Nsanje.



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UPDATES ON UPCOMING CASES

NO	CASE	COURT	DATE	STATUS
1	Rep. vs. Saulos Chilima	Financial Crimes Court- Lilongwe	1st September	Plea and directions
2	Rep. vs. Ngasalayumo and 2 others	Karonga Magistrate Court	1st September	Judgment-Convicted for abuse of Office, fraud and theft
3	Rep. vs. Ngasalayumo and 2 others	Karonga Magistrate Court	18th September	Judgment-Convicted for abuse of Office, fraud and theft
4	Rep. vs. Mzomera Ngwira and another	Senior Resident Magistrate, Mzuzu	4th September	ruling of case or no case to answer
5	Rep. vs. Muhammad Selemani	Chief Resident Magistrate, Lilongwe	6th September	Interlocutory hearing
6	Rep. vs. Bikoko	Chief Resident Magistrate Lilongwe	6th September	Trial
7	Rep. vs. Charles Mchacha	Chief Resident Magistrate Court, Lilongwe	6th September	Trial
8	Rep. vs. Mathews Piano	Chikwawa Magistrate's Court	7th September	Prosecution hearing
9	Rep. vs. Snowden Kandiado	Thyolo Magistrates Court	8th September	Prosecution hearing
10	Rep. vs Monica Muotchamanja	Blantyre Magistrates Court	8th September	Prosecution Hearing
11	Rep. vs. Charles Machinjiri	Financial Crimes Court Mzuzu	15th September	Prosecution Hearing
12	Rep. vs. Dzinkambani and other	Blantyre Magistrate Court	13th September	Prosecution Hearing
13	Rep. vs. Justin Kathumba	Thyolo Senior Magistrate Court	7th September	Defense hearing
14	Rep Vs Mark Mguntha and others	Kasungu First Grade Magistrate's Court	18th September	Plea bargain hearing
15	Rep. Vs. Cecilia Chazama and 6 others	Blantyre Magistrate's Court	25th -26th September	Trial
16	Republic Vs. Reyneck Matemba	Financial Crimes Court Lilongwe	25th -27th September	Trial
17	Rep. vs. Zakeyu Honde and another	Rumphi Chief Resident Magistrate Court	28th September	Prosecution hearing
18	Rep. vs. Oswald Mtambo		28th September	Ruling
19	Rep. vs. Harry Ngulube	Senior Resident Magistrate Court, Lilongwe	11th September	Prosecution hearing

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