

STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF MUTUTUMA HEADMAN MR ABRAHAM REPANCY MUMBA OF MUTUTUMA VILLAGE, CHIEF PUTA IN CHIENGI DISTRICT OF LUAPULA PROVINCE.

1. Mr Speaker yesterday, 11th December 2012, Honourable Member of Parliament for Monze Central, Hon. Jack MWIIMBU raised a point of order and I quote “Mr Speaker, we were assured on the Floor of this House by His Honour the Vice President that the people of Luapula and the Northern Provinces are secure from any atrocities that may be perpetrated by the rebels and those who are fighting in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The assurance was made pursuant to the question that was raised by the Hon. Member of Parliament for Chipangali, Hon. Vincent MWALE. Mr Speaker, in The Post newspaper of 11th December 2012, on page 1, there is a story pertaining to the killing of a headman in Chiengi District by the Mai Mai rebels who are fighting in the DRC. The report read: “DRC Rebels kill Chiengi Headman – A Zambian has been killed by the Mai Mai rebels of the DRC in Chiengi since fights between that country's government and the rebels broke out. Senior Chief Puta of the Bwile people confirmed the incident when the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Hon.

Nickson CHILANGWA paid a courtesy call on him. He said Headman Tutuma was killed by the Mai Mai rebels in a fight that has resulted in most Congolese nationals to flee into Zambia”

2. Mr Speaker, I wish to respond to the Point of Order as follows:

3. On 22 November 2012 at 19:30 hours, a report of murder was received at Chiengi Police Post in which Mr Abraham CHALWE of Mututuma village in Chief Puta of Chiengi District aged 52 years reported that his father Mr Abraham Repancy MUMBA was murdered by unknown person(s) using unknown type of fire arm. The incident occurred on 22nd November 2012 at about 19:00 hours at Mututuma village in Chief Puta of Chiengi District. The Police visited the scene of crime and found the deceased with a deep bullet wound on his back through the spine. A thorough search was carried out at the scene but no empty cartridge was found. A postmortem was conducted on 23rd November 2012 at St Paul's Mission Hospital in Nchelenge where it was revealed that the deceased died of a bullet wound through his chest.

4. Facts are that the deceased was a witch doctor whose village is located along the Zambia/DRC common border in Chiengi District and lived alone. On the material date, the deceased's daughter Bupe Theresa MUMBA aged 25 years took some food for him around 19:00hours and returned to her house. Few minutes later, she heard a gunshot from the direction of her father's house and when she rushed there, she found her father lying in a pool of blood with a gunshot wound on his back with no sign of any killer in the vicinity.
5. During the period of 8th to 9th of December 2012, the Honourable Ministers of Defence and Home Affairs undertook a fact finding mission to Chiengi District and verified that the place is calm and peaceful; and that there was no presence of the Mai Mai militia on the Zambian territory.
6. The Post newspaper publication of 11th December 2012 misplaced the facts as regarding the date of occurrence of the murder, place of occurrence, which is Zambia and not DRC, and the circumstances of death. It is believed the deceased was suspected of practicing witchcraft.

7. I wish to inform the Zambian people that we shall ensure that peace and security is maintained in all our border areas.

8. I further wish to state that this case is under intensive Police investigations to bring the culprits to book and the results of the investigations will be made known to the Zambian people.

9. Burial of the deceased Headman took place on 23rd November 2012.

I thank you Mr Speaker.