



MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

**ON THE SHOOTING INCIDENTS AT THE
PREMIUM PLAZA POST OFFICE –
NDOLA ON 12TH JUNE, 2013**

**AND AT THE ZAMBIA NATIONAL
SERVICE AIRPORT FARM IN CHONGWE
ON 14TH JUNE, 2013.**

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MR. SPEAKER SIR,

THE GOVERNMENT WISHES TO CONFIRM THAT ON JUNE, 14TH 2013, AT THE ZAMBIA NATIONAL SERVICE (ZNS) FARMS, A SHOOTING INCIDENT OCCURRED WHERE TWO (2) LIVES WERE LOST AND ONE (1) PERSON WAS INJURED.

THE GOVERNMENT REGRETS THE LOSS OF THOSE LIVES AND INDEED SEND ITS SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES.

YOU MAY WISH TO NOTE THAT THE PROBLEM AT THE ZNS AIRPORT FARMS IS A LONG STANDING ONE DATING AS FAR BACK AS 2010 WHEN SOME MEMBERS OF THE KAMPASA COMMUNITY ILLEGALLY SETTLED AND ENCROACHED ON ZNS LAND AND RESISTED EVICTION.

THE GOVERNMENT HAD FACILITATED FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FIFTY (50) HECTARES OF LAND FROM THE ZAMBIA NATIONAL SERVICE IN LIAISON WITH THE CHONGWE DISTRICT COUNCIL TO SETTLE THE KAMPASA COMMUNITY THAT HAD ILLEGALLY SETTLED AND ENCROACHED ON THE ZNS AIRPORT FARM. INSTEAD THE SQUATTERS DEMANDED FOR MORE LAND

MR. SPEAKER SIR, I WISH TO INFORM THE HOUSE THAT TWO DOCKETS FOR MURDER CASES HAVE SINCE BEEN OPENED AND INVESTIGATIONS ARE CURRENTLY GOING ON AT LUSAKA DIVISION.

ARRESTS HAVE TAKEN LONG BECAUSE THIS IS AN ISOLATED CASE REQUIRING CONDUCTING AN IDENTIFICATION PARADE WHERE THE OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THE SHOOTING CAN BE IDENTIFIED. IT ALSO INVOLVES EXAMINING FIREARMS INVOLVED IN THE SHOOTING AND OTHER MILITARY PROCESSES.

THE GOVERNMENT WISHES TO APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE OF KAMPASA AND THE NATION AT LARGE TO REMAIN CALM AND BE PEACEFUL AS THIS MATTER IS BEING PROBED.

MR SPEAKER,

GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE LAWLESSNESS AND RECKLESSNESS BY UNSCRUPLOUS PEOPLE GRABBING LAND INDISCRIMINATELY IN THE NAME OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT (PF). THE PF GOVERNMENT IS A GOVERNMENT THAT RESPECTS THE RULE OF LAW AND HENCE, MY MINISTRY

WON'T SIT DOWN AND ALLOW ANARCHY TO BE THE ORDER OF THE DAY.

THE GOVERNMENT WISHES TO CONFIRM THAT ON 12TH JUNE, 2013 MS. PHELIS CHIFUNDA AGED THIRTY-THREE (33) YEARS OF 1817 PAMODZI TOWNSHIP NDOLA WAS HIT BY A STRAY BULLET AT THE KANSENSHI SHOPPING CENTRE PREMIUM PLAZA POST OFFICE.

A POLICE OFFICER AT THE SCENE DISCHARGED HIS AK 47 RIFLE WHEN THE CROWD THAT GATHERED TO PURCHASE TICKETS FOR THE WEEK-END FOOTBALL MATCH BETWEEN ZAMBIA AND SUDAN BECAME UNCONTROLLABLE. THE POLICE OFFICER FIRED A SHOT IN THE AIR WHICH UNFORTUNATELY HIT THE CONCRETE ROOFING AND DEFLECTED DOWNWARDS AND HIT MS. CHIFUNDA WHO WAS PART OF THE CROWD.

AN INQUIRY FILE HAS BEEN OPENED AND REPORTS FROM THE POLICE OFFICERS AT THE SCENE ARE BEING COMPILED FOR INVESTIGATIONS.

MR. SPEAKER SIR, I WISH TO INFORM THE HOUSE THAT A DOCKET HAS BEEN OPENED AWAITING FOR THE DOCTORS AT NDOLA CENTRAL HOSPITAL TO SIGN THE MEDICAL REPORT AND THE OFFICER WHO DISCHARGED THE FIREARM IS CURRENTLY IN DETENTION PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS. THE DOCKET WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS (DPP) FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS AS SOON AS THE MEDICAL REPORT IS SIGNED.

THE HOUSE MAY FURTHER WISH TO NOTE THAT THE VICTIM'S CONDITION IS REPORTED TO BE FAIR BUT IS STILL ADMITTED IN HOSPITAL.

I THANK YOU MR. SPEAKER.