



**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT BY HON DAVIES MWILA, MP
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**ON WHAT EFFORTS ZAMBIA POLICE HAS PUT IN
PLACE TO CURB POLITICAL VIOLENCE CAUSED BY
UPND CADRES IN NALOLO DISTRICT OF WESTERN
PROVINCE**

Mr Speaker

On the 24th November 2015, you directed my office to present to the House a Ministerial Statement regarding the efforts the Police were putting into place to curb the violence that had been experienced in the Country recently especially on the attacks made on politicians. This directive came as a result of a point of order raised by Honourable Member of Parliament, Mr Eddie Musonda from Kapiri Mposhi who wondered what Government was doing to curb the political violence that had been experienced in the Country recently especially on the attacks made on politicians. Honourable Musonda's point of order arose from the political violence caused by UPND cadres in Western Province where they were conducting political activities in Mongu, Muoyo and Senanga Districts from 20th to 22nd November 2015.

Sir,

It is essential to make reference to the political activities of the United Party for National Development (UPND) in Western Province so that the House may appreciate the magnitude of the problem.

Mr Speaker,

On the 21st November 2015 between 12.00 to 15.00 hours, the UPND President visited Muoyo Royal Village. Whilst in the area, some UPND cadres attacked the family of her Honour, the Vice President Mrs Inonge Wina a male aged 18 years and a female aged 32 years were assaulted. The 18 year old male sustained a deep cut on the back of his head while the female complained of chest pains, painful back and general body pains. Further, they assaulted another male aged 42 years of Nalolo who sustained a swollen face. Dockets of assault were opened.

Mr Speaker

The UPND cadres also damaged the house of her Honour the Vice President by breaking window panes. While in Muoyo Royal Village, the cadres damaged a thatched fence valued at K400 .00 and broke into a shop at the market where they got away with cash amounting to K5000.00, stole some beers and super maheu valued at K1 500.00, and undisclosed amount of money from the bonanza machine. A docket of breaking into a building and committing felony was opened.

I have given a comprehensive account of the political activities of UPND in Western Province in order to expose their unlawful behaviour.

Sir,

It is important to state that the political situation in all the areas is calm and Police are monitoring and maintaining presence in sensitive areas.

Mr Speaker,

I wish to report that investigations have intensified and one male aged 25 years of Senanga District has been apprehended to help with investigations. An identification parade was conducted in the assault case and the male was positively identified by the victim. He is currently in Police custody.

My Government remains committed to the rule of law and upholding the fundamental freedoms of all citizens. I therefore call upon all political leaders to work within the law, because all the Police is interested in is to ensure that we maintain law and order at all times and safe guard peace in our country.

I THANK YOU