



REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON 2010
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MR. SPEAKER SIR,

I BEG TO MAKE A MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE 2010 EXAMINATIONS.

MR. SPEAKER SIR,

OVER THE YEARS THERE HAS BEEN POCKETS OF EXAMINATION MALPRACTICES DOTTED AROUND THE COUNTRY MOSTLY INVOLVING GRADE 12 EXAMINATION PAPERS AND MOSTLY INVOLVING BIOLOGY, MATHEMATICS AND COMMERCE. IN 2008, 285 CASES WERE RECORDED AND IN 2009, 89 CASES WERE RECORDED.

I WISH TO STATE THAT ALL PUPILS AND TEACHERS THAT WERE INVOLVED IN EXAMINATION MALPRACTICE WERE EXPELLED WHILE OTHERS WERE DEALT WITH BY THE COURTS OF LAW.

MR. SPEAKER SIR,

I WISH TO STATE THAT MY MINISTRY HAS MADE EFFORTS TO TRY AND ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF EXAMINATIONS MALPRACTICE SO AS TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE CREDIBLE. THE FOLLOWING MEASURES HAVE THEREFORE BEEN PUT IN PLACE.

- INSTITUTED SECURITY COMMITTEES.
- HELD SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETINGS WITH PROVINCIAL EDUCATION OFFICERS.
- INTENSIFIED THE MONITORING OF EXAMINATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.
- CONSTRUCTED STRONG ROOMS IN EACH SCHOOL FOR STORAGE OF EXAMINATION PAPERS.
- ENSURED THAT ONLY TWO PEOPLE -THE HEADTEACHER AND THE SUPERVISOR HAVE TWO DIFFERENT SETS OF KEYS TO THE STRONG ROOM WHERE EXAMINATION PAPERS ARE KEPT. THIS MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR ANYONE OF THEM TO ACCESS THE STRONG ROOM.
- MEETINGS HAVE HELD WITH PROVINCIAL EDUCATION OFFICERS AND DISTRICT EDUCATION BOARD SECRETARIES ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE EXAMINATION PROCESS.

MR. SPEAKER SIR

AS THE NATION IS AWARE EXAMINATIONS AT GRADE 7, 9 AND 12 ARE IN PROGRESS. THE GRADE 7 EXAMINATIONS STARTED ON TUESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 2010 AND ENDED ON 29TH OCTOBER, 2010. A TOTAL OF 343,333 CANDIDATES ENTERED FOR GRADE 7 EXAMINATIONS. THE GRADE 9 EXAMINATIONS STARTED ON 14TH OCTOBER, 2010 AND WILL END ON 26TH NOVEMBER 2010. A TOTAL OF 281, 33 CANDIDATES ENTERED FOR GRADE 9 EXAMINATIONS.

THE GRADE 12/GCE EXAMINATIONS STARTED ON FRIDAY 8TH OCTOBER, 2010 AND THEY END ON FRIDAY 12TH NOVEMBER, 2010. A TOTAL OF 144, 282 CANDIDATES ENTERED FOR GRADE 12/GCE EXAMINATIONS.

TEACHER EDUCATION EXAMINATIONS WILL START ON 15TH NOVEMBER 2010 AND WILL END ON 26TH NOVEMBER 2010. A TOTAL OF 2, 800 CANDIDATES ENTERED THE EXAMINATIONS.

I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM THE NATION THAT EXAMINATIONS STARTED ON A GOOD NOTE AND ARE PROGRESSING WELL. HOWEVER, AS A MINISTRY WE ARE SADDENED BY THE INFORMATION OF EXAMINATION MALPRACTICES THAT TOOK PLACE AT CHITOKOLOKI HIGH SCHOOL IN NORTH/WESTERN, NANGA HIGH SCHOOL IN SOUTHERN PROVINCE AND CHIFUBU HIGH SCHOOL IN NDOLA.

AT CHITOKOLOKI HIGH SCHOOL, THE STRONG ROOM WHERE THE PAPERS WERE KEPT WAS BROKEN INTO USING THE ACCOUNTS OFFICER'S OFFICE BY RIPPING OFF THE TWO LOCKS TO THE GRILL DOOR AND BREAKING THE PANEL DOOR TO THE STRONG ROOM. ALL THE GRADE 12 AND GCE TAMPER PROOF PAPER PACKES WERE OPENED APART FROM THE LUNDA/LUVALE PACK. SO FAR EIGHT (7) PUPILS AND A WATCHMAN WERE ARRESTED AND THE CASE IS IN THE COURTS OF LAW.

FORTUNATLY THE POLICE RESPONDED QUICKLY AND BY THE NEXT MORNING THE PAPERS WERE RECOVERED.

MR. SPEAKER SIR,

WITH REGARD TO THE INCIDENCE AT NANGA HIGH SCHOOL IN MAZABUKA - SOUTHERN PROVINCE, THE EXAMINATION PAPERS WERE TAMPERED WITH AND SOME QUESTION PAPERS WERE TAKEN. THIS INVOLVED ENGLISH, CHITONGA, SCIENCE, HISTORY, MATHEMATICS, CIVIC EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE SCIENCE AND PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTS.

THERE WAS NO BURGLARY NOTICED AS THE OFFICES WERE INTACT. SO FAR TWO TEACHERS ARE IN POLICE CUSTODY AND INVESTIGATIONS ARE STILL GOING ON PERTAINING TO THE CONDUCT OF THE HEAD TEACHER, SUPERVISOR AND THE PEOPLE WHO HAD THE KEYS TO THE STRONG ROOM.

MR. SPEAKER SIR,

AT CHIFUBU HIGH SCHOOL IN NDOLA - COPPERBELT PROVINCE, INVIGILATORS ERRONEOUSLY GAVE GRADE 12 /GCE CANDIDATES SCIENCE PAPER 2 INSTEAD OF SCIENCE PAPER 1. AFTER THE WRONG PAPER HAD BEEN GIVEN OUT, ONE PUPIL OBSERVED THAT THE PAPER THAT HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED WAS A WRONG ONE.

THE PUPIL POINTED OUT THAT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO WRITE SCIENCE PAPER 1 AND NOT SCIENCE PAPER 2 WHICH WAS DUE ON 5TH NOVEMBER, 2010. AT THAT POINT, THE INVIGILATORS WITHDREW PAPER 2 BUT UNFORTUNATELY IN THE PROCESS, TWO PAPER 2 PAPERS COULD NOT BE ACCOUNTED FOR.

THE SEVEN (07) INVIGILATORS DECIDED TO SEARCH ALL THE CANDIDATES BUT COULD NOT RECOVER THE TWO (02) PAPERS. INVESTIGATIONS ARE GOING ON. FORTUNATELY ONE PAPER HAS SINCE BEEN FOUND.

MR. SPEAKER SIR,

I WISH TO STATE THAT WHILE MY MINISTRY IS CONCERNED WITH THE REPORTED MALPRACTICES IN SOME SCHOOLS, EXAMINATIONS WILL CONTINUE AS SCHEDULED WHILE THOSE INVOLVED WILL BE DEALT WITH ACCORDINGLY.

I WISH TO STATE THAT MY MINISTRY HAS ALSO SENT EDUCATION STANDARDS OFFICERS THROUGH OUT THE COUNTRY TO MONITOR EXAMINATIONS TO ENSURE THAT THE LAID DOWN REGULATIONS ON EXAMINATIONS ARE BEING FOLLOWED.

IN ADDITION I WISH TO STATE THAT THOSE TEACHERS INVOLVED IN EXAMINATION MALPRACTICE WILL BE DISMISSED IMMEDIATELY WHILE PUPILS WILL BE EXPELLED. FURTHER, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT NO PUPIL GOES IN THE EXAMINATION ROOM WITH ANY UNAUTHORIZED MATERIAL, INVIGILATORS WILL CONDUCT A THOROUGH INSPECTION OF EACH PUPIL BEFORE ENTERING THE EXAMINATION ROOM.

MR. SPEAKER SIR,

LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CAUTION MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AGAINST INVOLVING THEMSELVES IN EXAMINATION MALPRACTICES. I ALSO WISH TO APPEAL TO EVERYBODY TO BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR UNSCRUPULOUS PEOPLE WHO MAY BE SELLING FAKE QUESTION PAPERS. THOUGH SOME OF THESE PAPERS MAY SEEM GENUINE, THEY ARE NOT.

MR. SPEAKER SIR,

I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND THE PUBLIC TO BE ON THE LOOK OUT AND REPORT ANY ONE FOUND IN POSSESSION OF EXAMINATIONS MATERIALS WITHOUT AUTHORITY TO THE POLICE, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OR THE EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL OF ZAMBIA.

MR. SPEAKER SIR,

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE MINISTRY'S EFFORTS IN STAMPING OUT EXAMINATION MALPRACTICES AS THESE IMPACT NEGATIVELY ON THE INTEGRITY OF THE EXAMINATIONS. I SHALL ISSUE ANOTHER MINISTERIAL STATEMENT WHEN EXAMINATIONS ARE OVER.

I THANK YOU MR SPEAKER