

Government of the Republic of Zambia

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS, HONOURABLE EDGAR LUNGU, MP., ON THE ARREST OF UNITED PARTY FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (UPND) OFFICIALS IN LIVINGSTONE FOLLOWING THE KILLING OF A PATRIOTIC FRONT (PF) OFFICIAL MR. HARRY CHANDA.

28 FEBRUARY 2013

- 1. THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR. SPEAKER.
- 2. SIR, I RISE TO BRIEF THIS AUGUST HOUSE ON EVENTS OF MONDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2013 IN LIVINGSTONE. THESE EVENTS HAPPENED DURING THE ONGOING BY-ELECTION AND TWO HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE INVOLVED. THE TWO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT ARE HONOURABLE GARRY NKOMBO OF MAZABUKA CENTRAL AND HONOURABLE REQUEST MUNTANGA OF KALOMO CENTRAL. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE TWO ENDED UP BEING ABSENT FROM THE HOUSE DURING ITS SITTING OF TUESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2013 LEADING TO THE RAISING OF THE POINT OF ORDER BY HONOURABLE CHARLES KAKOMA.
- 3. MR. SPEAKER, THE TWO HONOURABLE MEMBERS WERE IN POLICE CUSTODY AS OF 26TH FEBRUARY, 2013, HELPING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN THEIR INVESTIGATIONS INTO A MURDER CASE. THE CASE INVOLVED A PATRIOTIC FRONT DISTRICT OFFICIAL FROM MONZE, ONE HARRY CHANDA WHO WAS BRUTALLY HACKED TO DEATH BY UPND OFFICIALS.

- 4. SIR, ACCORDING TO THE POLICE, IN THE EVENING OF MONDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY 2013, BETWEEN 19.00HRS AND 20.00HRS, UPND MEMBERS ATTACKED A TRUCK CARRYING PF MEMBERS. SINCE THE ASSAILANT CAME FROM THE UPND CAMP HOUSE, THE POLICE APPREHENDED ALL THE OCCUPANTS, AMONG WHOM WERE THE TWO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.
- 5. THE POLICE LATER TOOK MEASURES TO INFORM THE HONOURABLE MR. SPEAKER OF THIS INCIDENT THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.
- 6. IN CONCLUSION, I WISH TO EMPHASISE THAT WHAT TRANSPIRED IN LIVINGSTONE WAS PURELY A CRIMINAL MATTER WHICH THE POLICE ARE DEALING WITH.
- 7. AS THE MATTER IS SUBJUDICE, I CAN ONLY END HERE.

I THANK YOU MR. SPEAKER.