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3 POLICE OFFICERS, 2 CIVILIANS DIE IN MPONELA ROAD ACCIDENT

The Malawi Police Service (MPS) sadly announces of a road accident that has claimed lives of three police officers and two civilians at Chikho near Mponela in Dowa on Monday evening, November 1, 2021.

The police vehicle registration number MP 2562 Toyota Land Cruiser pickup had a head-on collision with a Scania Truck registration number DA 9503 when the Scania truck was trying to overtake another vehicle.

The fallen officers--all from Mponela Police Station--have been identified as Detective Inspector Frederick Kasuzumira, Sub Inspector Joseph Thawale and Driver Sub Inspector Philipina Benson.

The other two civilians are Vincent Sankhulani, 26, from Kaomba Village Traditional Authority Nsakambewa in Dowa and Jasinta Kampanyanga, 40, from Kavulala Village, Traditional Authority Chilooko in Ntchisi.

One other police officer, Detective Sub Inspector Collins Simbobe, has survived the accident but with multiple injuries and is currently receiving medical attention at Kamuzu Central Hospital.

The Inspector General of the Malawi Police Service and all police officers are deeply saddened by the loss; and that our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved families in this difficult time. MPS is also wishing the injured officer a quick recovery.

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