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**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW BY ORGANISERS OF PLANNED 14TH  
JANUARY 2022 DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE CITY OF BLANTYRE**

The Malawi Police Service (MPS) is aware of a number of media statements and public mobilisation messages calling for Anti-Government demonstrations in the City of Blantyre on 14th January 2022.

However, MPS has noted that the organisers of these demonstrations have not given any notice to the District Commissioner as required by section 96 of the Police Act. Failure to comply with the requirements of the law renders the planned demonstrations unlawful. MPS is therefore calling upon all citizens intending to participate in the planned demonstrations to stay away from these demonstrations as the organisers of the demonstrations have deliberately chosen not to comply with the law.

MPS takes this opportunity to reaffirm its commitment to the respect for human rights including the right to hold peaceful demonstration. Despite this unwavering commitment, MPS will ensure that rights are exercised within the confines of the law.



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