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**VIGILS AT TOLL GATES ARE CRIMINAL OFFENCES UNDER THE LAWS OF  
MALAWI**

The Malawi Police Service (MPS) is aware of plans by some citizens to conduct vigils at Chingeni Toll Plaza and Kalinyeke Toll Gate.

The public is invited to note that section 237 of the Penal Code criminalises the intentional endangering of safety of persons travelling by road. This includes dealing with the road in such a manner that affects the free flow and safe use of the road or safety of any person. Additionally, section 99 of the Police Act prohibits the holding of an assembly or demonstration in such a manner that obstructs vehicle traffic movement on public roads.

In view of the above, the planned vigils at toll gates would amount to criminal offences. MPS would thus deal with any person attempting to commit such offences within its legal mandate of crime prevention.

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