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**INVESTIGATION OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF ALINAFE  
BONONGWE**

The Malawi Police Service (MPS) is investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Alinafe Bonongwe, aged 42 years, who until his death, was Station Manager for MRA at Dedza Border.

Known facts are that on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at around 21:00 hours, at his residence at Airfield Location at Dedza Boma, Mr. Bonongwe was found lying dead in his bathroom with a piece of loose rope tying his neck to the shower. He was discovered by a neighbor who is also a colleague, who had been alerted by Mr. Bonongwe's watchman. The Officer-in-charge of Dedza Police Station and the District Health Officer visited the scene the same night. They decided that a full autopsy be conducted on Bonongwe's body to determine the cause of his death. The autopsy will be conducted by Dr. Charles Dzamalala later on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022, at Dedza District Hospital.

Meanwhile, Mr Bonongwe's servants: a guard, a house servant and a ground labourer, have been detained by police for questioning. The Malawi Police Service would like to assure the general public that our specialized homicide investigators will not leave any stone unturned in our quest to discover the author(s), motive and modus operandi for Mr. Bonongwe's death. We, therefore, request each one of us to remain calm as we wait for the results of the investigation.

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