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MALAWI POLICE SERVICE CAUTIONS AGAINST DRINK- DRIVING

The Malawi Police Service (MPS) is informing Malawians that cases of drink and drive are still continuing despite numerous awareness campaigns and on the spot fines. Motorists should be reminded that it is an offence under the Road Traffic Act to drive a motor vehicle or ride a motor cycle whilst drunk.

To contain this unwanted driver behaviour, MPS will continue sensitizing Malawians through the media and community policing activities. Furthermore, MPS will continue and enhance spot checks where breathalysers will continue to be used to ascertain adherence.

Motorists be reminded that fines according to the RTA may reach up to K200,000.00

MPS is also calling upon all stakeholders in safety and security including Bar Owners Association to go flat out and preach against drink and drive. Initiatives like using a taxi or sharing a vehicle with a sober driver may be encouraged.

The MPS, therefore, wishes to stress to Malawians that traffic police officers will continue booking for an offence any motorists found to be driving under the influence of alcohol. Furthermore, concerted compliance to road traffic rules will help in reducing road accidents and subsequently reducing the numbers of people killed and injured.

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