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MALAWI POLICE SERVICE FIGHTING CORRUPTION WITHIN ITS RANKS

The Malawi Police Service (MPS) wishes to inform the public that it has received the report released by Afrobarometer on April 14, 2022 in which Malawi Police Service is said to be topping the list with 42% as the most corrupt organisation in Malawi according to a corruption opinion collected through the survey.

The MPS applauds the Afrobarometer for taking time to conduct such an important survey as it gives a window to the MPS on areas to be improved. The MPS wants to clearly indicate that such surveys have helped the service to reduce cases of corruption as indicated by the percentage.

The public may wish to know that in the previous report by the same Afrobarometer survey in 2018, the MPS topped the list with 83% which clearly shows that there is a tremendous improvement in fighting corruption by the MPS as now the spiral has been reduced to 42%.

In a quest to fight corruption, the MPS developed and sincerely implemented an anti-corruption policy, strengthened Professional Standards Unit, an internal accountability mechanism and resuscitated institutional integrity committees. Further, the MPS works hand in hand with the Anti-Corruption Bureau to ensure that all those found to be involved in corrupt practices are brought to book.

The MPS further informs the public that it always steps up its efforts to take action whenever there is a complaint of corruption against any individual police officers. This can evidently be shown by arrests and prosecution of some errant police

officers, reversion of some police officers from traffic branches and Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to general duties.

The MPS calls on the public to put a concerted effort by reporting corruption cases that may involve police officers to any independent body so that such cases can be dealt with accordingly.

The MPS assures the public that it will continue fighting cases of corruption involving errant police officers in its strive to serve the populace well in a fair and transparent manner.



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