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MPS CONDEMNS TRAFFIC POLICE ASSAULT

The Malawi Police Service (MPS) is condemning the unruly behaviour of some motorists who, when they fail to settle road traffic offences they have been charged with, resort to assault traffic police officers on duty.

The latest incident occurred on Monday May 16, 2022, along Masauko Chipembere Highway in Blantyre where a driver booked for the offence of over speeding, deliberately hit three traffic officers, injuring them in the process and damaging the mounted speed trap machine.

The incident comes barely a month after another motorist, Saidi Malora, who is now answering charges of murder deliberately hit to death a female Traffic Police Officer at a traffic check point at Mpima Forest along Mangochi-Liwonde road. This unbecoming criminal behaviour has to stop once and for all.

The importance of traffic police officers on the road may not be over emphasized. In 2021, for example, Malawi registered a total of 1444 death due to road accidents. In light of this, traffic officers are crucial in cautioning overzealous and uncivilised road users to bring sanity on the road and subsequently reducing road accidents, injuries and deaths.

The MPS cautions all motorists that it shall not condone lawlessness on the road and further warn that all those found to be contravening road safety rules and regulations, in any circumstances, shall be booked and dealt with as prescribed by the laws. Meanwhile, the motorist, Clifford Khomba, who committed this crime on Monday, is already in police hands and will answer charges of Acts Intended to Cause Greivous Harm and Malicious Damage.

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