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CLARIFICATION ON A BLANTYRE SHOOTING INCIDENT MISREPRESENTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA

The Malawi Police Service (MPS) wishes to clarify on a shooting incident that happened in Blantyre in which Mr. Rabiah Akar, a Lebanese businessman, is alleged to have shot and wounded his employee, Dave Tsogolera who is suspected to have connived with criminals to break into his warehouse in Limbe.

MPS hereby informs Malawians that two cases were opened in relation to the incident and both have already been brought before court. The first case is that of acts intended to cause grievous harm whose complainant is Tsogolera and the suspect is Mr. Akar. It came before court on August 9, 2022 and Mr. Akar, whose licensed firearm has been confiscated by the police, was granted court bail. Its hearing will proceed on August 30, 2022.

The second case is that of breaking into a building with intent to commit a felony therein whose complainant is Mr. Akar and the suspects are Tsogolera and five others. The five, who later implicated Tsogolera were arrested at the scene of the crime by police officers on patrol. The case came before court on August 5, 2022 where all suspects were granted court bail and it was adjourned to August 19.

MPS implores Malawians to desist from circulating information they do not have full facts on to avoid creating false illusions of insecurity in the country.

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