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**POLICE EXHUME 25 BODIES OF SUSPECTED ETHIOPIAN HUMAN
TRAFFICKING VICTIMS FROM A MZIMBA MASS-GRAVE**

Malawi Police Service (MPS) wishes to inform the general public that it is investigating a case in which a mass-grave containing 25 bodies of suspected victims of human trafficking was discovered in Mzimba District.

The mass-grave was discovered by villagers in the afternoon of Tuesday, October 18, 2022 in Mtangatanga Forest Reserve along the Raiply-Mzimba Bypass Road. Evidence collected at the scene shows that the victims are Ethiopian nationals.

MPS is currently waiting for a postmortem report from pathologists which will state the actual cause of death. All the victims are male and aged between 25 and 40. Between January and September this year, police intercepted 221 illegal migrants of which 186 were from Ethiopia.

MPS urges the public to quickly report to authorities of any suspected illegal migrants.

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