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PRESS STATEMENT

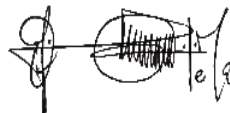
**MALAWI POLICE SERVICE CAUTIONS POLITICIANS AGAINST INCITING VIOLENCE**

Malawi Police Service (MPS) strongly warns politicians and those in authority to desist from making insensitive statements that promote violence, especially now that the country's political landscape is polarized with the upcoming 2025 General Elections.

MPS has noted with regret a video clip circulating on social media in which a Member of Parliament is seen encouraging his followers to attack and kill supporters of another political party by setting them ablaze. The Service cautions that such statements have the potential to plunge the country into genocide which is an aggravated crime. Section(s) 32 and 40 of Malawi's Constitution guarantee the inalienable freedoms of association and political rights to all citizens.

MPS reminds all that it is a crime to incite violence as provided for by Section 87 of the Penal Code. The Service will thus not hesitate to arrest and bring to book those involved.

The Service reiterates that it is an apolitical institution and will continue to execute its duties as such in fulfilling its constitutional mandate.



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