

## BRIEFS

## Limbe Police Station to launch response codes

Limbe Police Station is set to launch an initiative called 'My Phone, My Zone' which is expected to ease police response. In a written response on Monday, the station's officer-in-charge Gladson Chimpumhula said they have divided Limbe into six zones each with a distinct code for residents to dial when they need services. "Instead of waiting for a police vehicle from the station, officers will be readily available in all areas to respond to any incident," he said. Kanjedza Township resident Gerald Banda welcomed the initiative.—LLOYD CHITSULO, STAFF REPORTER

## 2 bank employees get 8 months for theft

Chiradzulu Magistrate's Court has sentenced two FDH Bank employees William Mitiyali, 33, and Alfred Mkwanda, 30, to eight months imprisonment for stealing K340 000. State prosecutor Gladys Billy Majwaja told the court that on June 15 this year the two tricked a customer to give them his pin for an auto-teller machine card. She said Mitiyali cashed K40 000 while Mkwanda K300 000. In court, the two pleaded guilty to the charge of theft. In his ruling, third grade magistrate Patrick Kachingwe said he handed the two a custodial sentence to deter other would-be offenders.—INNOCENT MOSES, CONTRIBUTOR

## Shire Valley irrigation project faces K10bn deficit

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Shire Valley Transformation Programme irrigation engineer Martin Chizalema says the project needs an additional \$10 million (about K10 billion) for the reconstruction of the intake at Kapichira Dam.

He said this on Monday when officials from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs inspected progress of the project in Chikwawa District.

However, Chizalema said they are making progress in construction works as they have paved a 4.09-kilometre canal, constructed three bridges and 14 drainage canals, among others.

He said: "The first phase of the project is expected to construct 52 km of the main canal from Kapichira



Chizalema (L) briefs Masanjala (R)

PHOTOGRAPH: MARTIN GELA JNR

to Lengwe National Park. "We have engaged a consultant to redesign the intake and the coffer dam."

Chizalema said the design works are expected to take five months while the coffer dam will take one month.

Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs Principal Secretary Winford Masanjala said

they inspected the project because it is an enabler of the Malawi 2063, the country's long-term development plan.

He said: "This project will contribute towards the achievement of the agriculture commercialisation pillar for the MW2063.

"This is why as a ministry, we are

supporting this project because once completed, it will feed the country and also boost the economy through exports."

Masanjala said they are engaging the programme's funders to support with additional funds following destruction of the intake.

Once completed, the programme will irrigate approximately 43 370 hectares in Chikwawa and Nsanje districts.

Shire Valley Transformation Programme is a 14-year programme (2018-2031) implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture with funding from the Government of Malawi, World Bank, African Development Bank, Opec Fund for International Development, Nigerian Trust Fund and the Global Environment Facility to the tune of \$223 million. ■

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God's Grace Academy is an international Christian Day and Boarding High School offering Cambridge curriculum. It is currently enrolling students from Year 7 (form 1) to Year 11 (form 5) invites application from suitably qualified and experienced teachers to fill in the following positions for September, 2022.

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Makunganya (R), Phiri (4L) and the UK team display the equipment

## Boy donates K3.8 million medical supplies to Qech

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Tenager Taona Makunganya in partnership with his team from the United Kingdom (UK) has donated medical equipment worth 3 000 British Pounds (about K3.8 million) to the paediatrics department at Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital in Blantyre.

Makunganya, a 17-year-old UK citizen who has relatives in Malawi, said he learned about the shortage of equipment at the referral hospital when he visited

his aunt in the country two years ago.

Before the donation, he was allowed to take some temperatures of sick children in the paediatrics ward and discovered that the process delayed because there were only two thermometers in use.

Speaking after the donation, Makunganya said since learning about the hospital's challenges, he started raising funds to buy the equipment.

"I am happy to be back in Malawi with the equipment. I saw for

myself how long it takes to serve patients, due to lack of equipment," he said.

The hospital's paediatrician Dr Etwako Maria Phiri said it was difficult to replace some of the broken equipment due to travel restrictions when Covid-19 cases were at their peak.

"The donation will enhance quality healthcare services in the children's ward," she said.

The equipment included thermometers, respirators and blood pressure monitors. ■

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