

# BRIEFS

## Woman, 58, commits suicide in Nsanje

A 58-year-old woman on Monday committed suicide by hanging herself in Nsanje District. Nsanje Police Station spokesperson Agnes Zalakoma identified the deceased as Nezhi Chonzi of Ndenguma Village, Traditional Authority Malemia in the district. She said the woman committed suicide after allegedly suspecting her husband of having an extra marital affair. "On May 14 2023, the deceased accused her husband of having an extra marital affair. They tried to discuss, but the deceased did not accept the explanation and on Monday, she was found hanging from the roof of the house," said Zalakoma.—ROBERT NAYEJA, MALAWI NEWS AGENCY

## Hospital attendant in for selling drugs

Police in Mwanza District have arrested an attendant at Mwanza District Hospital for allegedly stealing medical drugs and equipment. Mwanza Police Station spokesperson Hope Kasakula said police were on May 2 2023 tipped off that the suspect was seen taking drugs home. "Our criminal investigations officers ambushed the suspect and caught her at Chipatala Market on her way to meet customers," he said. Kasakula said a search in her handbag allegedly found 50 bottles of deprevola and 64 syringes.—BRIAN WASILI, MALAWI NEWS AGENCY

# People hail land registration

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People from Traditional Authority (T/A) Kasisi in Chikwawa have commended government for implementing land registration in the district.

Under the new Land Laws, community members are encouraged to register their land to prevent cases of land grabbing and disputes.

Speaking in an interview on Monday, community member Mercy Ngulinga commended the Shire Valley Transformation Programme for facilitating the land registration process.

"It is important to own land because we will be able to benefit from farming under the Shire Valley Transformation Programme," she said.

T/A Kasisi said his subjects have registered their land, a step that will prove important when consolidating the land into mega farms.

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Kaunda: Farmers will own land

and Finance Committee of Parliament visited Chikwawa on Saturday to appreciate the progress of the land registration exercise, the committee's chairperson Gladys Ganda said land registration was important as it guarantees land ownership to people for generations.

"This is unlike in the past

when chiefs could abuse their powers by selling land belonging to their subjects to rich people, leaving their subjects without land for settlement or cultivation," she said.

Chikwawa District Council director of planning and development Thokozile Munthali said the district has since 2021 barred the

issuance of new leases to allow community members register their land.

Benadetta Sikweya, land clerk in Senior Chief Ngabu said people have registered their land and are waiting for certificates.

In a separate interview, Shire Valley Transformation Programme communications officer Alice Kaunda said the process of ascertaining land ownership (land parcel adjudication) and establishing boundaries (demarcation) is critical in the implementation of the programme.

She said: "The registration will ensure ownership of land by people and it will help with consolidation of land into commercial farms.

"Land is paramount in this project. It is important for government to secure land for the people and in the case of the programme, securing land for farmers to consolidate into mega farms." ■

## Communities told to practise hygiene to contain cholera

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Catholic Relief Services (CRS) project officer responsible for health systems strengthening Elizabeth Chikoja has asked people in Mangochi District to continue practising sanitation and hygiene to prevent new cases of cholera.

She said this on Monday at Chimwala Teacher's Development Centre when the faith-based organisation was phasing out its Cholera Emergency Response it rolled out in December 2022.

Chikoja said to contain the disease, they launched a community-led action approach in the district's cholera hotspot communities of traditional authorities (T/As) Chimwala, Nankumba and Chowe.

She said: "It has not been easy to fight cholera, but at the end of the day, we managed to register gains and made a nice journey.



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Chirwa commends the interventions

"We came here when the district was registering an average of 100 new cases per day, but now, we have zero cases. This is good and let me ask communities to continue observing good sanitation practices."

Mangochi district assistant environmental health officer responsible for T/A Chimwala, Violet Chirwa, commended CRS for the intervention.

"Before the organisation rolled out the interventions, there were a lot of myths and misconceptions about cholera, which made our

work difficult, especially when advising people against drinking water from the lake," she said.

Village head Welemu said the interventions saved a lot of people in the area.

Speaking on behalf of Mangochi District Council, Fatima Chilawe, asked the organisation to reconsider returning to the district.

She said despite the cases dropping, there were some risky areas in the district that need close monitoring. ■



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### RE-INTRODUCTION OF CD1 FORM BY THE RESERVE BANK OF MALAWI (RBM)

The Malawi Revenue Authority (MRA) wishes to inform all exporters, clearing and forwarding agents and the public that all exports, both commercial or non-commercial, whose value exceeds US\$ 2,000 or its equivalent in any other currency, shall require CD 1 Number prior to processing in Asycuda World System

This follows the re-introduction of the CD1 Form by the Reserve Bank of Malawi (RBM) effective 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

The system has been re-configured to demand CD1 Number in box 2 of export declarations. As such, no export declaration shall be processed without entering valid CD1 Number.

The CD1 Number can be obtained through an online application with the Reserve Bank of Malawi. It is a web based portal called Export Proceeds Reconciliation Module (EPRM) which can be accessed through the following link: <https://epm.rmb.mw/EprmWeb>.

The Authority would, therefore, like to urge all exporters to start self-registration with RBM on the above stated portal or be registered by their Authorized Dealer Banks (ADB).

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