

## PUBLIC NOTICE



### **COMMENCEMENT OF INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE DEATH OF A YOUNG INMATE AT BVUMBWE REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS IN THYOLO DISTRICT**

The Human Rights Commission (the Commission) has received reports that a young prisoner died at Bvumbwe Rehabilitation Centre for Young Offenders in Thyolo on or around 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023. On its own motion under section 12 of the Human Rights Commission Act, the Commission has commenced investigations into the death. A preliminary fact-finding mission by the Commission has revealed that indeed a life has been lost and the body of the deceased is currently being kept at Thyolo District Hospital, awaiting further procedures. The Commission is cognizant that under section 6 of the Inquest Act, where death occurs in prison, an inquest should be done by a Magistrate.

The Commission, therefore, calls upon all stakeholders including the Malawi Prison Service, the Malawi Police Service, and family members to cooperate with the Commission in terms of section 15 of the Human Rights Commission Act. The Commission will release a report upon completion of its investigations.

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**8<sup>th</sup> November 2023**