

MALAWI HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



DEATH OF BULEYA LULE IN POLICE CUSTODY AT LILONGWE POLICE STATION

The Malawi Human Rights Commission (the Commission), is investigating the death of Buleya Lule in a police cell at Lilongwe Police Station in Area 3 on or about 21 February, 2019.

Lule was one of the suspects arrested by the Malawi Police Service in connection with the abduction of Goodson Faniza, a 14 year old child with albinism in Dedza in the month of February, 2019. Investigations are focusing on the right to life and the rights of suspects sitting in the Constitution of the Republic of Malawi under section 16 and 42, respectively. The investigations will, *inter alia*, involving the conducting of hearing of the case herein by a two member panel of the Commission comprising Commissioners Martha Chizuma and Rosemary Kumitsonyo Kanyuka with the former being a presiding member.

The hearing will take place on 28 and 29 March 2019 at the Commission and will give opportunity to be heard to various persons connected to the matter. These persons include police officers at Lilongwe and Mitundu Police Stations as well as relatives and other key witnesses.

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