## MALAWI HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

## COMPENSATION FOR THE LATE BLESSINGS NYONDO'S FAMILY.

The Malawi Human Rights Commission (the Commission) conducted an investigation into the death of Blessings Nyondo who was shot on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 and died on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital (QECH) in Blantyre.

The findings of the said investigation were published in March of 2021 and a report was released at a press briefing held the same month in Blantyre. Among other recommendations the Commission alluded that, "the family members and relatives of the victim should make applications to the courts of law against the State and Mr. Chanunkha to get compensation for loss of the victim's life to mitigate their suffering".

As per commitment, the Commission wishes to notify the public that Malawi Broadcasting Corporation (MBC) has agreed to an out-of-court settlement with the family of late Blessings Nyondo and that MBC shall settle the full agreed compensation by March 2022.

The Commission would like to commend MBC for complying with the recommendations of the Commission and for their cooperation during the whole process.

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