CONDEMNING POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN MALAWI-MEC, DISQUALIFY ALL PERPETRATORS.

The Human Rights Defenders Coalition (HRDC) condemns in strongest terms the politically motivated assault against Dr Joseph Chitanti Mulunga, an aspiring parliamentary candidate for Nsanje South West Constituency. We in the same vain call upon the Malawi Electoral Commission to investigate and take relevant remedial, preventive, punitive steps including disqualifying any candidate associated with such barbaric acts.

We have it on concreate authority that the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) cadets are once again alleged to be behind this assault against Dr Joseph Chidanti Mulunga. We also have it on record that despite Dr Malunga registering a complaint with the Malawi Police and naming the alleged ring leader of the suspects on 31st March, 2019, the very day the alleged assault took place, no one has been arrested, let alone brought in for questioning.

We at HRDC are disgusted at the impunity blessed by the current regime. We have on several occasions voiced out concerns over how the DPP led government has let their cadets loose to terrorize everyone who holds a contrary but rather constructive view to theirs with reckless abandoned. We also have it on solid authority that the DPP cadets have been let off the leash to reign havoc on anything and anyone opposition. Actually, the DPP should be ashamed that we know that it has employed terror and intimidation as the main strategy to remain in power.

We take the trouble to remind the DPP and all pollical parties that violence, terror and intimidation has no room whatsoever in these elections and indeed in Malawi at any given instance. Malawians are now aware and cognizant not to anything settle less than issues-based electioneering. Room for intimidating the electorate into submission and voting for the perpetrators is long gone.

We at HRD are vindicated that DPP leadership calls to refrain from violence is mere rhetoric. Actually, DPP believes so much in violence that they have even recruited and compromised all government security apparatus in Malawi to look the away.

Having lost confidence in the security apparatus in Malawi, we at the HRDC call upon the Electoral Commission as mandated by the law to investigate this alleged assault and should they find any aspirant(s) connected to this assault, she/he must be disqualified.

HRDC is also calling upon the Malawi Police Service to immediately arrests the suspects who are already known to have committed the attack.

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