



REPUBLIC OF MALAWI

AFFIDAVIT

I, **COLLINS MTIKA** of the Centre for Investigative Journalism Malawi (CIJM), C/O Post Office Box 475, Mzuzu in the Republic of Malawi **MAKE OATH** and **STATE** as follows;

1. **THAT** I am of full age and capable of swearing this Affidavit.
2. **THAT** I come from Mchapansalu Village, Traditional Authority Mbelwa in Mzimba District in the Republic of Malawi.
3. **THAT** I am a journalist of the Centre for Investigative Journalism Malawi (CIJM) and I would like to retract the story which was published on 9th October, 2016.
4. **THAT** a certain journalist agent wrote the story under the heading "INDIAN INVESTOR CLAIMS MALAWIAN STATE ABUSE, TORTURE IN CUSTODY" and he sent me the same to publish.
5. **THAT** on the 9th October, 2016 the story was published on the Centre for Investigative Journalism Malawi (CIJM) website and also on your website.
6. **THAT** in the process it was discovered that I was given a false story which by then was already published on the said websites.
7. **THAT** soon after I came to know that the story contains false information I properly informed the management of Centre for Investigative Journalism Malawi (CIJM) and immediately we agreed to pull down from our website. Again, you were asked to do the same.
8. **THAT** the allegations made against all the people mentioned in the said story were false. I, therefore wish to apologise for unethical conduct by myself as the publication was done without verifying whether the story was true or not, but the same was done without any malice.
9. **THAT** I make this Affidavit conscientiously believing the contents hereof to be true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.
10. **THAT** the above information is true to the best of my knowledge, recollection and belief and I swear the same under the Oaths, Affirmations and Declarations Act, Chapter 4:07 of the Laws of Malawi.

SWORN by the said **COLLINS MTIKA**) 
at Mzuzu in the Republic of Malawi)
on the 20th day of October, 2020)

Before me:

A COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS


Ashim Siadi
Legal Practitioner
Commissioner for Oaths
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