



NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

PRESS STATEMENT

OFFERING OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND
AWARDING OF QUALIFICATIONS IN MALAWI
BY UNREGISTERED INSTITUTIONS

The National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) was established by the National Council for Higher Education Act (Act No. 15 of 2011) and is mandated to promote and regulate higher education in Malawi. The NCHE ACT provides in section 19 that:

"No person other than a public higher education institution or organ of state shall provide higher education unless the person is registered or provisionally registered as a private higher education institution ..." [Section 19 (1)].

Therefore, legally and for practical purposes, the mandate to offer higher education and to award higher education qualifications in Malawi is delegated to public higher education institutions through Acts of Parliament or to private higher education institutions through a process of registration with NCHE. For this reason, the NCHE Act gives the mandate to register private higher education institutions solely to NCHE. The same Act makes provision for quality assurance of higher education through regular assessments and accreditation. Hence, NCHE has powers to register and de-register private higher education institutions and programmes (Sections 19 – 20) and to accredit or withdraw accreditation (Sections 27 – 29). Registration or de-registration of an institution have prospective and not retrospective effect.

With regard to the above, the Council wishes to inform the general public that the following institutions have been operating illegally by offering or pretending to offer higher education in Malawi.

1. Accountancy Tuition College (ATC)
2. Amity University
3. Azteca University
4. Bandawe Research Consultancy(BRC)
5. Cypress International University also known as Cypress International Institute for Academic Research
6. Cyprus Institute of Marketing
7. Hands of Africa Theological College
8. Malawi University of Veterinary Sciences
9. Oxford Brookes University
10. Sola Scripture Bible College
11. Techno-Brain Institute
12. Central African Preaching Academy.

This is a matter of serious concern and, therefore, the Council is ordering that these institutions should stop operating forthwith. In case this order is not complied with, the Council shall commence legal proceedings against individuals and institutions facilitating the operation of these institutions in accordance with Section 34 of the NCHE Act.

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Sympathisers visit Phiri's final resting place

PHOTOGRAPH: JOSEPH MWALE

Police take albinism campaign to Kande

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The Malawi Police Service (MPS) has planned to carry out awareness campaigns against harassment and killing of persons with albinism at Kande in Nkhata Bay on Saturday and Manyamula in Mzimba the following day.

The campaigns follow the death of 60-year-old Yasin Kwenda Phiri, a person with albinism, who was murdered on New Year's Eve at Kande in Nkhata Bay.

National Police deputy spokesperson Thomeck Nyaude said the exercise seeks to sensitise people to albinism by, among others, speaking against violence and how the citizenry can

live in harmony with them.

"Activities will centre on sensitising people to stop violence against people with albinism, child and early marriages as well as non-violent political campaign as we approach elections in May," he said.

Last week, police in Nkhata Bay arrested four people in connection with Phiri's murder. ■



A cross-section of the self-professed defectors pictured in Karonga North Constituency

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Ninety eight people claiming to be UTM Party members in Karonga say they have defected to the ruling Democratic Progressive Party (DPP).

Speaking on Sunday, one of the defectors Ishmael Pembamoto said they dumped UTM because they were not pleased with how the party conducted its parliamentary primaries.

He accused primaries winner Vincent Ghambi,

98 claim to defect from UTM to DPP in Karonga

who is the area's incumbent legislator of using and working with parallel area committees.

"It is true that 98 UTM members in Karonga North Constituency have today, Sunday, joined DPP to support its parliamentary aspirant Mwangasule Mwambande," said Pembamoto.

Another former UTM

Party member Zex Sichali said the primaries were characterised by many anomalies that it was surprising to have Ghambi declared the winner.

In his remarks, Mwambande said he was pleased to receive the people to support him and urged them to work with the existing DPP structures in the area. ■