

PRESS STATEMENT

The Judiciary wishes to inform members of the general public that the opening of the 8th Criminal Session of the Lusaka High Court will be on Monday 14th August, 2017 in Court Room No. 1 of the Supreme Court Building. The 8th Criminal Session of the Lusaka High Court has 30 listed cases and will be presided over by two (2) Judges, namely Hon. Dr. Justice Winnie Sithole - Mwenda and Hon. Mr. Justice Charles Chanda, who will severally deal with the listed matters. Twenty (20) of the listed cases will be before Hon. Dr. Justice Winnie Sithole - Mwenda, while Ten (10) of the listed cases will be before Hon. Mr. Justice Charles Chanda.

Hon. Dr. Justice Winnie Sithole - Mwenda will deal with her list of causes comprising cases 1 - 20 commencing at 09:00hours in the Supreme Court Room No. 1.

Hon. Mr. Justice Charles Chanda will deal with his list of causes comprising cases 21 - 30 commencing at 12:00 hours in the Supreme Court Room No.1. The list before Hon. Mr. Justice Charles Chanda includes the treason case involving United Party for National Development (UPND) President, Mr. Hakainde Hichilema.

The Judiciary wishes to advise that the Session on 14th August, 2017 will only involve the official opening of the criminal session for the month of August, gaol delivery, taking of plea, and setting of trial dates for all the 30 listed cases. Trial in all the listed cases will commence on such dates as will be set by the Honourable Judges during the opening of the session.

Due to limited sitting space in the Supreme Court Room No. 1 which will be used for the opening of the session, and also on account of the need to ensure security on the Court premises, the Judiciary will accredit all persons who will have access to the public gallery in the Court Room. No party cadres from any political party will be allowed onto the Judiciary premises or in the vicinity of the Judiciary. Organisations and Political

Parties are free to approach the office of the Chief Registrar to obtain accreditation for their members.

The office of the Chief Registrar will facilitate accreditation for counsel, journalists and observers.

As advised in the Judiciary Circular of 31st August, 2016, no party regalia will be allowed on the Court premises. Further note, that cell phones, tablets, iPads, cameras or such similar devices will not be allowed in the Supreme Court Room No. 1. This measure also applies to Journalists and Legal Counsel. Any breach of the said measures may result in accreditation being cancelled and the person in breach being ejected from the Court premises.

The Judiciary strongly advises that on the 14th August, 2017 and on such other subsequent dates to be advised, only persons with Court business and those accredited should come to the Court premises as access to the premises will be highly controlled.



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