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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**JUDICIARY CLARIFIES POSITION ON BROADCASTING OF COURT PROCEEDINGS**

**Lusaka, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025** – The Judiciary of Zambia wishes to inform the public that the trial of *The People v Leonard Phiri and Jasten Mabusele*, commencing on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025, will be broadcast live on ZNBC TV1, Diamond TV, and Prime TV. Print and electronic media houses will also provide coverage. This decision follows formal requests from the media and has been granted in accordance with the Judiciary's commitment to transparency in matters of public interest.

The Judiciary wishes to clarify that the institution does not initiate the broadcasting of court proceedings. We consider formal requests from media houses seeking to televise cases of significant public interest. The decision to permit or deny such broadcasts is made following careful evaluation of each request to ensure that it aligns with the principles of justice, the integrity of the judicial process, and the public's right to information.

We have put in place clear guidelines and safeguards to ensure that televised proceedings are conducted professionally and do not compromise the administration of justice.

The Judiciary remains committed to openness while ensuring that all court processes are conducted with the dignity and impartiality they require. Members of the media and the public are encouraged to direct any inquiries regarding the broadcast of court proceedings to the Judiciary's designated communication channels.

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