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**CHIEF JUSTICE CONDEMNS THE TRAGIC MURDER OF CHINGOLA LOCAL  
COURT MESSENGER**

**Lusaka, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025** - The Judiciary of Zambia is deeply shocked and outraged by the brutal murder of Ms. Prudence Nkomeshya, a Court Messenger at Chingola Local Court, who was attacked and killed while carrying out her official duties on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

This tragic incident is not just a loss to her family and colleagues but an alarming reminder of the dangers that judicial officers face in executing their duties. His Lordship, the Hon. Chief Justice Mumba Malila, SC, has strongly condemned the attack, describing it as a senseless act of violence against an officer of justice. He has further extended heartfelt condolences to Ms. Nkomeshya's family, her colleagues in the Judiciary, and all those affected by this devastating loss.

The Chief Justice has expressed particular concern over the glaring security lapses, including the absence of restraints on the suspect and the lack of adequate escort personnel. Additionally, Chief Justice Malila has directed an urgent review of security protocols to prevent similar incidents. Immediate measures will be implemented to ensure that all court officers, especially those involved in enforcement duties, are provided with adequate security.

The Judiciary is committed to working with law enforcement and relevant stakeholders to strengthen security within court premises and during judicial processes. No officer of the law should have to risk their life in the line of duty.

The Judiciary of Zambia stands resolute in ensuring that justice prevails—both for Ms. Nkomeshya and for all those who dedicate their lives to upholding the rule of law.

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