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**MPS INVESTIGATING SELLING OF COUNTERFEIT FERTILISER ON THE MARKET**

The Malawi Police Service (MPS) would like to warn all unscrupulous traders and individuals who are packaging river sand instead of real fertiliser in fertiliser bags and selling them to unsuspecting farmers, that they are committing a serious crime under the laws of Malawi.

Reports have been recorded by police mainly in the central region of farmers buying sand instead of genuine fertiliser from registered agro dealers and suppliers.

Meanwhile seven individuals have been arrested in Kasungu and Mponela for offering for sale bags of fertiliser suspected to contain counterfeit products. Police have also seized 201 bags of Urea and NPK suspected to contain counterfeit products. They will answer charges of counterfeiting trademarks, an offence under the Penal code. MPS assures Malawians and farmers in particular that it will go to the bottom of this syndicate and that all individuals and companies involved will rightly see the wrath of the law.

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