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MPS warns against cyber harassment

The Malawi Police Service (MPS) has noted with great concern, the growing phenomenon of some overzealous people who are using abusive language against others on different social media platforms. The trend does not only breach peace on innocent individuals, but it also lands one into a criminal conflict where the doer can be arrested and prosecuted accordingly.

This comes after Mrs Kettie Kamwangala, and four other women lodged a complaint against Mr. Dauka Manondo, 51, of Manondo village, T/A Symon in Neno District over an abusive status he posted on a WhatsApp forum dubbed "Our Political Square Forum" on April 24, 2022. The post was against Honourable Vera Tambala Kantukule.

Police have since, arrested the suspect over Cyber Harassment contrary to Section 86 of the Electronic Transactions and Cyber Security Act. This should serve as a warning to other overzealous citizens who deliberately use their social media platforms to bully others. The MPS assures Malawians of its continued respect of human rights, and further reminds social media users to ensure that they enjoy their human rights responsibly.



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