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**MALAWI POLICE SERVICE DISTANCES ITSELF FROM MISA'S ALLEGATION**

The Malawi Police Service (MPS) wants to distance itself from the claim by MISA Malawi that it is behind the cyber hacking of Platform for Investigative Journalists (PIJ) website.

According to MISA Malawi, quoting PIJ Facebook page, the website was hacked on Thursday, April 14, 2022 and it remained inaccessible until Friday.

MISA Malawi's claim is premised on the interrogation which the Malawi Police had on PIJ Managing Director Mr Gregory Gondwe a few days ago at South West Police Regional Headquarters in Blantyre.

The MPS observes that MISA Malawi's claim against it does not provide evidence to substantiate the accusation. The public may wish to be reminded that police is mandated to summon and interrogate any person who the police believes is required in the course of any investigations.

In light of this the MPS is calling on other independent bodies with capacity to join hands with Police in ensuring that those behind the hacking of PIJ website are identified, arrested and prosecuted before the court of law.

The MPS wishes to inform the public that it respects media freedom, right to access information and all human rights as guaranteed by the Constitution of Republic of Malawi.

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