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MEDIA STATEMENT

**MALAWI POLICE SERVICE CONDEMNS POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN LILONGWE**

Malawi Police Service (MPS) strongly condemns the politically motivated violence that took place near the Lilongwe City Mall on Saturday, February 24, 2024 where Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) members gathered for a blue parade.

The fracas started when a group of unknown young people in the same DPP attire stormed the gathering and started attacking members of the parade. In the process, some people have sustained injuries of various degrees and are receiving treatment while seven motor vehicles have been damaged.

MPS reminds all political parties and their followers that Malawi is built on a strong democratic foundation where every citizen's political rights, which include to peacefully and lawfully gather with others, are guaranteed. The Service is investigating the fracas to arrest and bring to book those responsible.

MPS further pleads with leaderships of all political parties in the country to tame their supporters, especially now that the country is moving towards the 2025 General Elections.

The Service assures Malawians that it will not tolerate any acts of political violence from any political grouping ahead of the 2025 General Elections.

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