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DR. CHISHIMBA KAMBWILI'S REPORTED ILL-HEALTH

Following media reports on the alleged deteriorating health of Dr Chishimba Kambwili, the Human Rights Commission visited him at Lusaka Central Correctional Service Facility on 13th August, 2025.

The public may wish to know that the Commission had already visited Dr. Kambwili even before the Patriotic Front led by its Acting President, Mr. Given Lubinda, complained to the Commission about his alleged deteriorating health on 15th August, 2025.

The findings of the Commission were that Dr. Kambwili was brought to the Lusaka Central Correctional Service Facility from Kasama Central Correctional Service Facility on 5th August, 2025, in order to attend to some pending court matters in Lusaka.

The Commission was informed and confirmed that from the time that Dr. Kambwili was brought to Lusaka, he was being kept in the clinic within the Lusaka Central Correctional Service Facility in order to meet his health requirements, such as access to an elevated bed.

The Commission had an opportunity to interact with Dr. Kambwili, Correctional Service Officers and medical personnel in order to understand his health situation and recommend appropriate remedial measures, if any, towards upholding his right to health.

The Commission has an obligation to respect the right to privacy of everyone, including protecting confidential and medical information of any person that may come to its knowledge during its course of duty.

The public may wish to know that the finding of the Commission was that the Zambia Correctional Service was facilitating medical access to Dr. Kambwili and so far, the Commission was not privy to any report indicating that his health needs were beyond the capacity of the medical personnel that were attending to him.

The Commission will continue monitoring the situation relating to Dr. Kambwili's health and will only take appropriate action, within its mandate, based on the advice of the medical personnel.

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