

## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS**

**BY THE**

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**ON THE**

**TOLLGATE SECURITY FOLLOWING ATTACK ON KALENSE TOLLGATE**

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank you most sincerely for according me this opportunity to make two ministerial statements as directed by yourself. With your permission, allow me to make the statements as directed in the following manner. I shall start with my ministerial statement on the security at tollgates following the attack on a police officer and cashiers at Kalense tollgate in Kasama on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2021. Thereafter, I shall proceed to issue another ministerial statement on the alleged escalating levels of violence countrywide.

Madam Speaker, as indicated, I now proceed to make my first ministerial statement. I thank you for according me this opportunity to issue a ministerial statement on the point of order raised by Hon. Miles Sampa, hon. Member of Parliament for Matero Constituency, on the security at tollgates following the attack on a police officer and cashiers at Kalense tollgate in Kasama on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.

Madam Speaker, facts of the matter are that on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 in Kasama, Kasama Central Police recorded a murder case in which a Zambia Police officer was fatally shot whilst on duty at Kalense toll station, situated about 25 km from Kasama town between 02:00 hours and 04:00 hours by a lone bandit. The police also recorded a case of aggravated robbery in which cash amounting to K38, 425 and property worth K12, 288 were robbed from the officer and two tollgate cashiers. The police further recorded two cases of rape in which the two cashiers were allegedly raped by the same bandit.

Madam Speaker, the Government regrets the incidence and would like to send a message of condolences to the family of the deceased police officer. Let me also take this opportunity to wish the two cashiers a quick recovery.

Madam Speaker, in relation to the concerns raised by the hon. Member of Parliament, I wish to state the following:

- (a) the lives of our officers in that infrastructure and elsewhere are safe as we have increased manpower and intensified patrols in our toll stations;
- (b) no arrest has been made yet. However, investigations into the matter have reached an advanced stage and the nation will be informed about the outcome in due course; and
- (c) the two cashiers have since undergone counselling through the Zambia Police Victim Support Unit (VSU) and have been deployed to another place.

Madam Speaker, the incidence is a violation of human rights which should be condemned by all Zambians. The 'New Dawn' Government considers security as a magnet for investment to foster socio-economic development in the country. To avoid the recurrence of such incidences, the Zambia Police Service has put in place the following measures:

- (a) enhanced intelligence gathering;
- (b) increased surveillance patrols at all tollgates across the country; and
- (c) increased manpower levels at all toll stations.

Madam Speaker, let me take this opportunity to assure the nation that the Zambia Police Service has intensified security at all toll stations in the country and appeal to the general citizens to report any suspicious persons and activities to the Zambia Police Service. Further, I wish to warn the perpetrators of crime that they will be met with the full wrath of the law.

Madam Speaker, I thank you.

ALLEGED ESCALATING LEVELS OF VIOLENCE COUNTRYWIDE