

**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT BY THE HON. MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ON THE SUSPENSION OF KITWE, NDOLA AND LIVINGSTONE CITY COUNCILS**

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I wish to submit on the floor of the house on the following issue which is:

- i. Suspension of the Kitwe, Ndola and Livingstone City Councils.

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Mr. Speaker my recent tour of selected Councils reviewed rampant illegal land allocation perpetuated by some of the elected Councillors and Officers from the Councils. The act of illegal land allocation resulted in members of the public losing confidence in selected local authorities, a situation that Government could not allow to continue unabated.

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In line with section 88(1)(b)(1) of the Local Government Act Cap 281 of the Laws of Zambia through my issuance of Statutory Instruments **No. 4 of 2016, 5 of 2016 and No. 6 of 2016** published in the Government Gazette dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2016 I suspended Kitwe, Livingstone and Ndola City Councils respectively to pave way for investigations in illegal land allocations. The three Cities Councils were supposed to lead by example not only by conduct of Councillors and Officers but in service delivery and adherence to laid down procedures on land allocations.

**Mr. Speaker**

In view of the above I appointed Mr. Chazya Musukuma, Mr Charlston Hamulyata and Mr. Macloud Nyirenda Public Officers as Local Government Administrators for Kitwe, Livingstone and Ndola City Councils respectively, for