PRESS STATEMENT ON MOB VIOLENCE AND PUBLIC SAFETY IN CHIKWAWA AND NSANJE

PAWEM strongly condemns the barbaric mob violence, assaults, and killings currently taking place in parts of Chikwawa and Nsanje following rumours surrounding alleged genital disappearance incidents.

No rumour or suspicion should ever justify violence or the loss of innocent lives. Mob justice is unlawful, inhuman, and a serious threat to peace, justice, and human dignity. Malawi must never allow fear, misinformation, and public panic to replace truth, evidence, and the rule of law.

We commend the Malawi Police Service for its timely intervention, visible security presence, and continued community engagement efforts aimed at restoring calm and protecting innocent citizens during this difficult period.

PAWEM therefore recommends the following measures to help curb the situation:

- Strengthening community awareness and civic education on the dangers of mob justice and misinformation;
- Increasing police visibility and rapid response in affected areas;
- Engaging traditional, religious, and community leaders in peacebuilding and public sensitization meetings;
- Encouraging responsible use of social media and discouraging the spread of unverified information;
- Promoting dialogue, calm, and lawful reporting of concerns through relevant authorities.

PAWEM urges all Malawians to remain calm, reject violence, and promote peace, unity, and responsible communication within communities. Human life is sacred and must be protected at all costs.

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