



**ZAMBIA MEDICINES REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**PRESS STATEMENT**

**(FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE)**

**To: All Media Houses,**

**ZAMRA TAKES EIGHT PEOPLE TO COURT FOR OPERATING UNREGISTERED PHARMACIES.**

**Lusaka, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.** Eight (8) people have separately appeared before the Lusaka magistrate court for operating unregistered pharmacies, contrary to section 14 (1) (a) (2) of the medicines and allied substances Act no. 3 of 2013 of the laws of Zambia. This is after an operation that was undertaken by the Zambia Medicines Regulatory Authority (ZAMRA), the Zambia Police Service and other law enforcement agencies to curb the illegal sale of medicines and allied substances in Chawama, Lusaka, on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August, 2023.

Ms. Miriam Chishimba aged 30 appeared before Honourable Sylvia Munyinya Okoh on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023 and was fined K9,000 in default 4 months imprisonment, Mr. Harrison Daka aged 66 appeared before Honourable Kaunda Sakwanda on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023, and the matter was adjourned to 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

Ms. Rutness Nyangu aged 32 appeared before Honourable Mrs. Kawama Mwanfuli on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2023 and the matter was adjourned to 25<sup>th</sup> September, for trial. Mr. Greatwell Muntanga aged 34 appeared before Honourable Mrs. Mutinta Mwenya on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 and was fined K60,000=00 in default 6 months imprisonment. Ms. Ezel Namwila aged 27 appeared before Honourable Ms. Emmy Masoja Chilangwa on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 and was fined K10,000 in default 2 months imprisonment.

Others still to face trial include, Ms. Annie Mwakakwela aged 35 who is scheduled to appear before Honourable Mrs. Phaides Hamaundu on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, Mrs. Olipa Mwanje aged 22 who is jointly charged with Daria Kalolo aged 35 is also yet to appear before Honourable Phaides Hamaundu on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2023. On the same list is Mr. John George Banda aged 40 waiting to appear before Honourable Mrs. Constance Kansakala on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

The Authority wishes to reiterate its appeal to members of the public to refrain from illegal operation of pharmacies or risk prosecution in accordance with the provisions of

the law. Further, members of the public should shun procuring medicines from illegal outlets as they risk exposure to substandard and falsified medical products, which have deleterious effects to their health.



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