



ZAMBIA MEDICINES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

PRESS STATEMENT (FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE)

FOUR (4) PEOPLE ARRESTED AND PROSECUTED IN PETAUKE AND LUSANGAZI DISTRICTS OF EASTERN PROVINCE FOR OPERATING ILLEGAL DRUG OUTLETS

Lusaka, September 24, 2025. Four (4) people from Petauke and Lusangazi districts in Eastern Province have been arrested and prosecuted for operating illegal drug stores. Two (2) were arrested for operating a pharmacy without a Certificate of Registration, contrary to Section 14(1)(a) of the Medicines and Allied Substances Act No. 3 of 2013, while the other two (2) were arrested for selling medicines in an unlicensed place other than a pharmacy, contrary to Section 44(1) and failure to maintain records contrary to Section 58 (2) (d) of the Medicines and Allied Substances Act No. 3 of 2013.

Particulars of the offenders are listed as follows:

NO.	NAME OF PERSON	SEX AGE	Name of Outlet	Charge /indictment	Name of Magistrate and Court	Sentence
1.	Joseph Mwanza	M/53	Makeshift Stand, Petauke	Selling medicine in a place other than a pharmacy and failure to maintain records for medicines.	Hon. Mumba – Petauke Magistrate Court	Fined K5000, I/D to serve 9 months imprisonment with hard labour.
2.	Godfrey Chuzu	M/38	Makeshift Stand, Petauke	Selling medicine in a place other than a pharmacy and failure to maintain	Hon. Mumba – Petauke Magistrate Court	Fined K1000, I/D to serve 9 months imprisonment with hard labour.

				records for medicines.		
3.	Steve Ndao	M/38	Pamusewo Shop, Petauke	Operating a pharmacy without a Certificate of Registration and failure to maintain records for medicines.	Hon. Mumba – Petauke Magistrate Court	Fined K1000, I/D to serve 6 months imprisonment with hard labour.
4.	Tilyenji Banda	F/27	Chimweta Drug Store, Lusangazi	Operating a pharmacy without a Certificate of Registration.	Hon. Mumba – Petauke Magistrate Court	Fined K500, I/D to serve 3 months simple imprisonment.

The four (4) suspects were arrested during a surveillance routine inspection aimed at curbing the sale of medicines and allied substances in unregistered outlets. The operation was conducted by the Zambia Medicines Regulatory Authority (ZAMRA), in collaboration with the Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC)–Nyimba and the Zambia Police Service (ZPS)–Petauke, in Petauke and Lusangazi districts of Eastern Province between 9th and 10th September 2025.

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