



ZAMBIA MEDICINES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

PRESS STATEMENT

(FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE)

**SIX (6) PEOPLE ARRESTED AND PROSECUTED IN NYIMBA AND
PETAUKE DISTRICTS OF EASTERN PROVINCE FOR OPERATING
ILLEGAL DRUG OUTLETS**

Lusaka, September 1, 2025. Six (6) people of Nyimba and Petauke districts of Eastern Province have been arrested and prosecuted for various offences including operating illegal drug stores and selling of unregistered medicines. Four (4) were arrested for operating a pharmacy without a Certificate of Registration, one (1) was operating an agro-veterinary shop without an Agro-veterinary Shop Permit contrary to Section 14(1) (a) of the Medicines and Allied Substances Act No. 3 of 2013 while one (1) was selling a product (medicine) on the Zambian market without a Marketing Authorization issued by the Authority contrary to Section 39 (1) of the Medicines and Allied Substances Act No. 3 of 2013.

Particulars of the offenders are listed as follows:

SN O.	NAME OF PERSON	SEX & AGE	Name of Outlet	Charge /indictment	Name of Magistrate and Court	Sentence
1.	Hurun Desai	M/35	Falahi Investments, Nymba	Placing a product on the Zambian market without MA	Hon. Chulu – Nyimba Magistrate Court	Fined K5000 I/D to serve 3 months simple imprisonment
2.	Moses Mayeye	M/33	Dalux General Trading, Nyimba	Operating a pharmacy without a CoR	Hon. Chulu – Nyimba Magistrate Court	Fined K5000 I/D to serve 3 months simple imprisonment
3.	Zebron Nyirenda	M/45	Better life Enterprises, Petauke	Operating an agrovvet shop without an Agrovvet	Hon. Mumba – Petauke Magistrate Court	Fined K1000 I/D to serve 6 months simple imprisonment

				Shop Permit		
4.	Vivard Nshimirimana	M/31	Low Price Minimart, Petauke	Operating a pharmacy without a CoR	Hon. Mumba – Petauke Magistrate Court	Fined K2000 I/D to serve 6 months simple imprisonment
5.	Mandala Banda	M/49	Shadreck Mandala, Petauke	Operating a pharmacy without a CoR	Hon. Mumba – Petauke Magistrate Court	Fined K1500 I/D to serve 6 months simple imprisonment
6.	Gilbert Twagirayezu	M/30	Lesawaluse, Petauke	Operating a pharmacy without a CoR	Hon. Mumba – Petauke Magistrate Court	Fined K2000 I/D to serve 6 months simple imprisonment

The suspects were released on police bond before appearing in court.

The six (6) suspects were arrested during a surveillance routine inspection directed towards curbing the illegal sale of medicines and allied substances in unregistered outlets undertaken by the Zambia Medicines Regulatory Authority (ZAMRA), in collaboration with the Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC) in Nyimba and Petauke districts of Eastern Province.

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