PRESS BRIEFING ON COVID 19

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH
CONFERENCE ROOM

7TH APRIL, 2020
Good morning,

I regret to inform the nation that the 51-year-old Malawian lady of Indian Origin who had just recently returned from UK and was our 5\textsuperscript{th} patient to test positive from Covid 19 has sadly passed on in the early hours of this morning.
She had an Underlining Medical condition.

Our Blantyre District Health Office, Environmental Health Team is assisting with the burial arrangements.

As a nation we grieve with the family of the deceased and I urge you all to respect their privacy.
As a matter of an update on the Covid 19 situation, the country has today confirmed 3 new cases two in Blantyre and one in Chikwawa.

One case in Blantyre is a 34 year lady family contact of the first case that was registered on 3 April 2020. The second case is a 28 year old lady who travelled from London, UK on 19 March, 2020. The person confirmed in
Chikwawa is a 30 year old gentleman who travelled from South Africa on 16 March, 2020. This brings the total number of confirmed cases to 8, including 1 death.

Please let us continue to observe the prevention guidelines we have put in place.

- Regular hand washing
- Social Distancing
• Avoid Handshakes
• Observe self-quarantine rules as provided if you have recently returned from a hot spot country

We will keep the nation updated of any new developments

I thank you all