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NPRC MESSAGE ON THE LOSS OF MOREBLESSING ALI'S LIFE

The National Peace and Reconciliation Commission (NPRC) has learnt with extreme sadness, about the tragic and untimely death of Ms Moreblessing Ali, a woman and mother; whose life was cut short because of a callous act of criminality which has got the potential to reverse the progress the country is making towards promoting a culture of peace, unity, tolerance and reconciliation. Every citizen of Zimbabwe enjoys the right to life as guaranteed in Section 48 of our Constitution. As such, no-one deserves to have their precious life cut short by way of any irrational criminal act. Human life is indeed sacrosanct.

The NPRC acknowledges that law enforcement agencies are seized with the matter and we sincerely hope and trust that justice will not only be done but that it will also be seen to be done. Mindful of the fact that conflicts affect women and other marginalized communities differently, the Commission notes the need to consider robust actions by all relevant stakeholders to harness efforts towards ensuring that the effects of gendered conflicts do not continue to impact negatively on our vulnerable population.

The NPRC urges all stakeholders in our society; be they religious, business, social, political, administrative, traditional, civic or community leaders; to exercise restraint and support efforts aimed at promoting peaceful resolution of conflicts and disputes. The Commission stands ready; in line with its constitutional mandate; to work with all Zimbabweans to facilitate the mediation and conciliation of disputes and promotion of dialogue among communities, organizations, political parties and any other groups, in order to prevent conflicts arising in the future (Section 252(d; i) of the Constitution of Zimbabwe).

We commiserate with the late Moreblessing's bereaved family and hope that Zimbabweans across the divide will embrace each other in our diversity at family, household, community, ward, district, province and national levels as violence and conflict can have negative consequences on our unity, peace and cohesion. We continue to call for restraint on all those affected by Moreblessing's loss, directly and indirectly, in this period and in the coming days as they come to terms with this painful loss.

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