

Matter No: 2024/CM/001 Report

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Matter Title

Court Martial Case: Zambia Air Force

Matter Description

1. Incident Report

Date of Incident: June 15, 2024

Location of Incident: Air Force Base, Lusaka

Incident Description:

Corporal John M. Chanda, a member of the Zambia Air Force, is alleged to have been involved in unauthorized access to a restricted area within the Air Force Base. This breach was discovered on June 15, 2024, and has been reported to be a violation of military regulations.

2. Charge Sheet

Accused: Corporal John M. Chanda

Service Number: ZAF/12345

Rank: Corporal

Unit: 123rd Squadron

Charges:

Violation of Security Protocols (Article 123 of the Zambia Air Force Code):

Description: Unauthorized access to restricted areas on Air Force Base premises.

Date: June 15, 2024

Evidence: CCTV footage, witness statements from security personnel.

Disregard for Orders (Article 456 of the Zambia Air Force Code):

Description: Failure to follow direct orders regarding restricted area access.

Date: June 15, 2024

Evidence: Written orders, testimony from commanding officer.

3. Court Martial Convening

Presiding Officer: Lt. Colonel Jane M. Banda

Panel Members:

Major Samuel K. Mwansa

Captain Chileshe T. Mumba

Lieutenant Emily K. Nsofu

Legal Advisor: Major Patricia L. Phiri

Convening Order Issued By: Air Vice Marshal Peter K. Lungu

4. Pre-Trial Procedures

Pre-Trial Conference:

Date: July 15, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Zambia Air Force Headquarters Conference Room

Discovery:

Prosecution Evidence: CCTV footage, security logs, witness statements.

Defense Evidence: Character references, personal statements.

5. Trial Proceedings

Opening Statements:

Prosecution: The prosecution will argue that Corporal John M. Chanda violated security protocols by accessing restricted areas without authorization and disobeyed direct orders.

Defense: The defense will argue that Corporal Chanda was acting under misunderstanding and did not intentionally breach protocols.

Presentation of Evidence:

Prosecution Witnesses:

Sergeant Mwila (Security Officer)

Captain Tembo (Commanding Officer)

Defense Witnesses:

Corporal John M. Chanda (Accused)

Private Nkhoma (Character Witness)

Closing Arguments:

Prosecution: Summarizes evidence of breach and disregard for orders, requesting a sentence in line with military regulations.

Defense: Argues mitigating circumstances and requests a lesser sentence or alternative disciplinary actions.

6. Verdict and Sentencing

Verdict:

Guilty of Unauthorized Access to Restricted Areas and Disregard for Orders.

Sentencing:

Confinement: 30 days confinement to barracks.

Demotion: Reduction in rank to Private.

Additional Penalties: Loss of pay for the confinement period.

Progress Work

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1. Appeal Process

Right to Appeal: Corporal John M. Chanda has the right to appeal the verdict and sentencing. An appeal must be submitted within 14 days of the verdict.

2. Post-Trial Actions

Execution of Sentence:

The sentence will be executed according to military procedures. All records of the trial and sentencing will be maintained in the military court archives.

Record Keeping:

All documents related to the case, including the verdict and sentencing details, will be recorded and stored as per military legal requirements.

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Attached Documents

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