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Malawi confirms three cases of coronavirus: President Mutharika calls for calm

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Malawi has declared its first three confirmed cases of the deadly Coronavirus (Covid-19) following a statement from President Peter Mutharika on Thursday evening.



Mutharika: 3 confirmed cases of the virus in Malawi

Mutharika in a television broadcast said the three are a Malawian of Asian origin who travelled to India, her relative and their house maid marking the first confirmed cases of the novel virus in country.

In a Special Address to the Nation that lasted one minute and 23 seconds monitored on Times TV, Mutharika said one of the patients is a 63-year-old woman.

The other two are her relation and her domestic worker.

Nyasa Times reporter earlier that Ministry of Health officials and medical staff wearing protective suits and face masks stormed the Area 9 residence of the family to carry the tests including those of their workers at the servant quarters.

Mutharika said the family has been quarantined to be treated and that medical officials will trace people who they have been in contact with to test them.

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The President urgent the nation to “remain calm.”

Mutharika said he will announce new strict measures to prevent Covid-19 spreading.

Ministry of Health spokesperson Joshua Malango said the country has adequate facilities, equipment and medication to handle the crisis.

“We now have started testing. We have also upgraded our laboratory. We are working with the College of Medicine. We have centres for Ebola cases which are fully equipped across the country, these are what we will use,” said Malango.

Covid-19 threat t has so far killed over 36 000 people and infected over 750 000 others worldwide.

On the other hand, Africa has since confirmed over 4 600 cases and over 140 deaths in 46 of the continent’s 54 countries.

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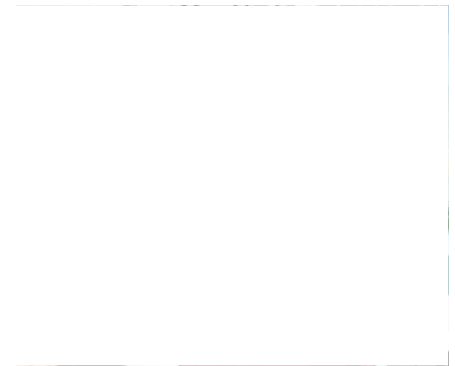
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At the testing equipment



We have one more case now total is 4 in Malawi. Zikachitika mumvera kwa ine.

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kodi \$1.9 Billion yi ife as one of the poorest country tapasidwako zingati, profesa Getu apakulidwilako zingati?????

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He is afraid of fresh elections and very scared of MCP/UTM alliance ...period!!

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It has bn revealed that someone lied about Corona in the country yesterday. Muluzi letter is secularing in social media about the strategy to use Corona as scape goat of creating panic in central region while mec is registering voters in Lilongwe. Then by the time he will say Corona is over mec will start registering in southern region so that few people should be registered in central than south.

The one buying I'D cards has failed

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Ngulukira



Dear fellow and well-meaning Malawians, I am writing to provide some suggestions to modalities of tackling a number of issues surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic. 1. The government, just like other governments across the globe are doing, must engage the true technocrats on issues of human health and safety. Instead of pulling out all the relevant human resources comprising doctors, nurses, health and safety practitioners, the government is engaging Botoman, Dausi, Navicha and other people with no technical-know-how on systems management. 2. Ophrah Winfrey of the USA has donated \$10 million to the Food Fund, Patrice Motsepe has donated R1 billion,... [Read more »](#)

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concern citizen



Joloza What are you talking about ? Are you on this earth ? Do you watch international news? In countries with very advanced health care systems people are dying in their hundreds in a day. Just this afternoon, the reports that are coming out of America are that 1000 people died in a day. This disease is not a joke. You cant say the disease is dying out. This is just the begining. More people are going to be

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infected if we don't take drastic decisions and actions. Mind you, Malawi having a high population, we need to be serious... [Read more »](#)

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Nalingula



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Don't panic....If you analyse the Deaths in most of these Western countries i.e. Italy you note that most of the dead people are those over SIXTY years oldthose with pre existing conditions e.g. Heart conditions ,asthma etc .Italy has been hit hard because almost a Quarter of the Population is Old....and the resistance to antibiotics (BBC) The Corvid Messages must Emphasise this ,Old People and those with Pre existing conditions- So that people know how to take care of themselves.....Otherwise just looking at the Numbers can Cause Panic....Anthu atowuzidwa zooona- Osakawaona Kaye makolo Anu Okalamba pa Easter- You... [Read more »](#)

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Prevention is better than cure, Malawi's authorities were waiting to register covid19 cases before they close borders to prevent covid19 carriers from entering the country.

MUVI OYANG'ANILA.....

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Mrs Chapaphewa



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Joice Banda (AKA Mrs Chapaphewa) is now happy that Malawi has covid 19 cases. Paja akuti akufuna donor aid. Kaya mayi ameneyu amaganiza bwanji kaya!!!! She seems not to have the grey matter inside her head. That's why during her acting presidency, she always used to say "azungu andiuzwa kuti.....". A useless woman Joice Banda.

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Mark Thom



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Dan Namarika, recall that you told us from the districts that District reporters should not be given any allowances, they will work as volunteers while you will be chewing K16 billion with your masters. Now, the Corona is here, find your reporters to do reporting without allowances.

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