

Hon. Given Lubina
Minister of Justice
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Dear Minister ,

Dr Kwalela Kafunya is a 30-year-old medical doctor. He was arrested on 8 May 2017 during his way to the Ministry of Health offices to pick a document for his new job in the hospital. He was charged with 'defamation', 'written threat to murder' and 'providing false information to a public official' although it is obvious that he never posted anything political.

On 10 January 2018, Dr Kafunya was sentenced to 7 years imprisonment after an unfair trial where authorities' influence was evident, e.g. investigations in the case were done during the trial and not before the case went to trial as should be the case.

Dr Kafunya is currently serving his prison term in Mongu Correctional Facility, in the Western Province.

I see Dr Kwalela Kafunya as a prisoner of conscience after an absolutely unfair trial. And I ask you therefore to quash Dr. Kwalela Kafunya's condemnation and release him immediately and unconditionally.

Anyhow, I urge you to respect, protect and promote the rights to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly for everyone.

Respectfully,

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