

H.E. President Edgar Lungu
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Your Excellency,

Amnesty International informed me that Dr Kwalela Kafunya was arrested on 8 May 2017, brought to court and sentenced to 7 years imprisonment. He was charged with 'defamation', 'written threat to murder' and 'providing false information to a public official'. Dr Kafunya is a 30-year-old medical doctor and has 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.

I'm calling on you to quash Dr. Kwalela Kafunya's conviction and release him immediately and unconditionally. Amnesty International sees Dr. Kwalela Kafunya as a prisoner of conscience, his trial was absolutely unfair.

I urge you to respect, protect and promote the rights to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly for everyone. Please ensure that opposition members, activists and human rights defenders are not targeted and harassed for exercising their rights to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly.

Respectfully,