



## **ROAD TRANSPORT AND SAFETY AGENCY**

### **PRESS STATEMENT**

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#### **RTSA CEO DESCRIBES KAFUE ROAD MISHAP AS UNFORTUNATE**

LUSAKA, Friday 10th May, 2019- Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) Chief Executive Officer Mr. Zindaba Soko has described the accident he was involved in on Wednesday this week in Kafue as unfortunate.

Mr. Soko said, "It is regrettable and unfortunate that I was involved in an accident in the process of my line of duty to protect and save lives on Zambian roads, I am thankful and grateful that the mishap was not severe and that no life was lost."

"As a victim of an accident and being a CEO of the leading road Safety Agency, I would like to encourage all road users to be extremely careful on the road because accidents still happen even when we are trying our best to eliminate them" Mr. Soko added.

On Wednesday this week, Mr. Soko was involved in a road mishap in Kafue district.

Involved were two vehicles, a Mitsubishi Rosa bus registration number, ABR 3197, which was coming from the northern direction heading south, and a Ford Ranger pickup heading north from south which was being driven by Mr. Soko.

No fatalities were recorded after the crash as only a few passengers sustained minor injuries.

Investigations into the accident have revealed that the crash could have been severe had the driver of the Ford Ranger been moving at excessive speed.

According to the expert opinion of accident investigators, the position of the impact of the vehicles was at the center line of clearly marked road stretch.

Thus the driver of the Mitsubishi Rosa Minibus, ABR 3197, failed to keep to his near side and consequently was hit at the rear right side wheel. After the impact, the propeller shaft of the Minibus dislocated, hit on the tarmac and pushed up the vehicle causing it to flip on its side.

Further, looking at the extent of damages on the vehicles, point of contact and their respective length, it can be concluded that the vehicles were being driven within a recommended speed limit based on the principle of "the higher the speed, the severe the damage".

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