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3 DRIVERS JAILED FOR CONTRAVENING



By Chilumba Chanda

The Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) on 27th May, 2024 secured the conviction and jailing of three drivers for the offence of contravening. This was in a case where, the trio, all on different occasions stopped at undesignated places for the purposes of picking and dropping passengers. This conviction came barely a few days after the RTSA CEO and Director Eng. Amon Mweemba held a meeting with Lusaka Public Service Vehicle (PSV) drivers at Nakatindi Hall in Lusaka where he urged bus drivers and bus owners to be compliant on traffic laws.

The conviction was secured by the Agency under the Public Service Vehicle (PSV) Regulation 16 (1) (2) (3) (4) part 111 of Chapter 465 and Section 225 of the Road Traffic Act. The convicted drivers are Gift Mubo, 28, who was charged a K900.00, Peter Miti, 28 who was charged a K1000.00 and Joseph Mwale, 40 who was also slapped with a K900.00 charge. Elated with the development, RTSA Legal Officer, Peter Mulyata assured the public of more convictions as most drivers were non complaint despite the Agency sensitizing them on countless occasions.

UNDP CONFERS WITH MINISTRY OF FINANCE ON ROAD SAFETY IN ZAMBIA



Acting Minister of Finance-Hon. Museba Tayali

By Chilumba Chanda

THE United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) says Road Traffic Crashes (RTCs) are costing Zambia 16.7 billion kwacha annually in treating accident victims. Speaking when he paid a courtesy call on Acting Minister of Finance and National Planning Hon. Musaba Tayali, UNDP Country Representative, James Wakiage, thanked the Ministry for supporting their works particularly on the global Decade of Action to reduce road traffic crashes.

Mr. Wakiage encouraged the use of non-motorised transport and the provision of improved road safety measures and infrastructure

He said road construction should take into consideration the provision of pedestrian walk-ways and cycle paths and reduce on car-dominated road space which is a contributory factor of Road Traffic Crashes (RTCs) among pedestrians.

Meanwhile Mr. Tayali thanked UNDP for being a true partner in the promotion of road safety.

The Minister said that there was need for continued stakeholder collaboration between the Government and the UNDP in order to improve the road safety profile of the country.

Mr. emphasised the need for both parties to continue coming up with practical road safety intervention in order to mitigate road traffic crashes.

The Minister said the Government would re-align the transport policy to conform to measures aimed at promoting road safety measures. Mr. Tayali stated that the Investment Case to be launched this month was timely especially after the launch of construction works on the Lusaka-Ndola dual carriageway by President Hakainde Hichilema.

RTSA ENGAGES LUSAKA PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE (PSV) DRIVERS AND OWNERS



Stakeholders during a meeting with RTSA, ZP and Lusaka City Council

Speaking at the same function, Capital Buses Proprietor, Ishmael Kankara, urged the Lusaka City Council to ensure that bus stations were peaceful and free from people loitering as this created anarchy and congestion in most stations.

Mr. Kankara called on the RTSA to deal with pirate taxi's that created an uneven playing field between missing road signage along the 10 Pike compliant operators and non-compliant ones.

The meeting was organised in collaboration with the Zambia Police, Lusaka City Council as a show of continued road safety collaboration among stakeholders.

COMMUNITIES TRAINED IN FIRST AID RESPONSE

Speaking during a meeting with By **Andrew Mwaba** Public Service Service (PSV) drivers While it is possible to survive a Road and owners recently at Nakindira Hall, in Lusaka, Eng. Mweemba said the RTSA would be firm in dealing complications or not survive you truly with sufficient offenders and would based on how the first responders be prosecuted in the courts of law to the accident handled you as a and sent to jail for violating road traffic laws and regulations

victim, according to the Zambia Red Cross Society.

Eng. Mweemba warned that there This came to light during a would be no meeting to remind community training on first aid offenders of their obligations on responders to road traffic crashes the road, saying those found guilty organised by the Road Transport would be sent to jail after and Safety Agency (RTSA), Road successful prosecution. Development Agency (RDA) and the He stated that the Agency was Zambia Red Cross Society targeting considering prosecuting all traffic the stretch between Ten Pike, offences in court as opposed to Chikankata and Chirundu.

fining offenders as a deterrent measure.

The on-going program will target areas that are accident prone areas.

The director said the measure to The training particularly intends to prosecute traffic offenders would empower communities around the take effect immediately to avoid highways with first aid skills.

business as usual, kind of approach.

Members were trained on how to administer First Aid and how to best report condition of road traffic crash victims to the nearest health facilities. Participants were also sensitized on the dangers of vandalizing road furniture such as road signage. This was in view of increased reports on

The Agency urged the trainees to be Trainer of Trainers and Ambassadors of this cause by educating fellow community members..

One of the participants, Jane Moonga said the knowledge she had acquired would go along way in helping road traffic accidents.

Ms. Moonga appealed to RTSA, RDA and Zambia Red Cross Society to continue empowering rural communities with skills on how to respond and provide first aid at the accident scene in road accidents are to be reduced.

Another participant Gift Siabalo thanked the organising institutions what he called 'life saving' training that would help save lives on the road. Sibalo urged members of the community to take interest in road safety matters and help safeguard lives of the traveling public.



Participants demonstrate how to respond to a road traffic crash

CHILDREN CHAMPION ROAD SAFETY; LIBALA PRIMARY TRIUMPHS AT THE BE ROAD SAFE ZAMBIA AWARDS

By Chilumba Chanda

In an inspiring demonstration of dedication and community spirit, Libala Primary School emerged victorious at the prestigious Be Road Safe Zambia Awards Sponsored by Puma. This significant achievement highlighted the critical role children play in promoting Road Safety Awareness. The Road Transport and Safety Agency Board Chairperson, Eng. Alen Mate congratulated Libala Primary School for their exemplary commitment and success in this vital initiative.

The involvement of children in road safety awareness is paramount, particularly in regions like Zambia and broader Africa, where road traffic incidents are a significant concern. By educating children about the importance of road safety from a young age, schools ensure that these young minds develop lifelong safe habits. Children, being influential messengers, often share what they learn with family, thereby spreading the message of road safety within their communities.

Alongside Libala Primary School, Twashuka Primary and Mambilima Primary School in Lusaka also scooped several awards and commendation for their dedicated efforts in this field. The success of the Be Road Safe Zambia Awards is also a testament to the support from various stakeholders.

RTSA HOSTS A BOTSWANA DELEGATION ON ROAD SAFETY

By Mwape Sawasawa

The RTSA, on the 17th of May, 2024 hosted a Transport delegation from Botswana led by Bokhutlo Modukanele, who is Director at the Botswana's Department of Road Transport and Services.

RTSA Director and Chief Executive Officer, Eng. Amon Mweemba emphasised the need of applying best practices in the Transport Sector. Eng. Mweemba discussed crucial topics, focusing on the administration of private number plates, types of cards used in issuing driver's licenses in Zambia, the motor vehicle registration process in Zambia, as well as the smart enforcement strategies.



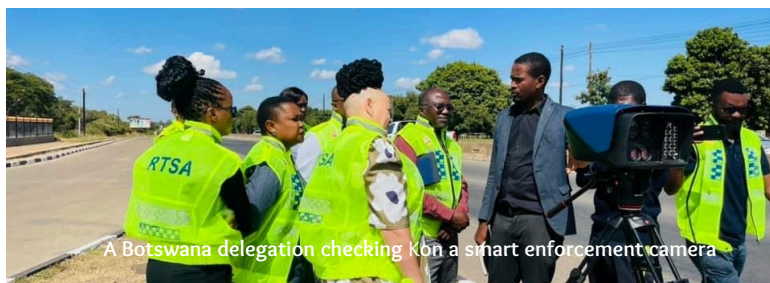
Pupils pose for a photo after the competition

The presence and backing of the Zambia Police at the event emphasized the importance of enforcement and education in promoting road safety. Special appreciation goes to Chilando Chitangala, the Mayor of Lusaka, whose participation highlighted the significance of community involvement and support in these initiatives. The Road Transport and Safety Agency (RTSA) plays a pivotal role in this endeavor, tirelessly working to educate the public, implement safety regulations, and reduce road traffic accidents. RTSA's initiatives, such as the Be Road Safe Zambia Awards, are crucial in fostering a culture of safety on Zambian roads. Their ongoing commitment is essential for the well-being of all road users.

The participation of children in road safety programs is a vital step towards creating safer roads in Zambia and across Africa. Celebrating the achievements of Libala Primary School and recognizing the efforts of other schools and stakeholders underscores the importance of continued support and expansion of these initiatives. By educating the youth and engaging the community, a future where road safety is a priority for everyone is within reach.

The Botswana delegation also familiarized itself with the RTSA's latest state of the art smart enforcement technologies, among them the S1 Speed cameras.

This visit by the Botswana delegation came two weeks after a delegation from Malawi also visited the Agency. The visit by the two countries to the Agency underscores the commitment the Road Transport and Safety Agency has towards enhanced collaborations and partnerships.



A Botswana delegation checking out a smart enforcement camera



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