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Background information on Malawi

Full Country Name: Republic of Malawi
Area: Total area 118,000 sq km (Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), Malawi Country Profile, updated 14 July 2009) **[4a]**
Population:13, 066,320 (2008 Population and Housing Census) (Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), Malawi Country Profile, updated 14 July 2009) **[4a]**
Capital City: Lilongwe. (Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), Malawi Country Profile, updated 14 July 2009) **[4a]**
People: Chewa, Nyanja, Tumbuka, Yao, Lomwe, Sena, Tonga, Ngoni, Ngonde, Asian, European. (USSD Background Note, updated December 2009) **[2e]**
Languages: English (official), Chichewa (official), regional dialects, ie Chitumbuka, Chiyao, Chilomwe. (USSD Background Note, updated December 2009) **[2e]**
Religions: Protestant 55%, Roman Catholic 20%, Muslim 20%, indigenous beliefs 3%, other 2%. (USSD Background Note, updated December 2009) **[2e]**
Major Political Parties: Democratic Progressive Party (DPP, ruling party) United Democratic Front (UDF), Malawi Congress Party (MCP), Alliance for Democracy (AFORD), New Republican Party (NRP), National Democratic Alliance (NDA), People's Progressive Movement (PPM), People's Transformation Party (PETRA), and Congress for National Unity (CONU). MCP and UDF are the two main opposition parties in parliament. (USSD Background Note, updated December 2009) **[2e]**
Government: Multi-party democracy. (USSD Background Note, updated December 2009) **[2e]**
Head of State: President Bingu wa Mutharika. (Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), Malawi Country Profile, updated 14 July 2009) **[4a]**
Currency: Malawian kwacha. (Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), Malawi Country Profile, updated 14 July 2009) **[4a]**
Membership of International Groupings/Organisations:
Commonwealth, Southern African Development Community (SADC), Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), African Union (AU), United Nations. (Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Malawi Country Profile, updated 14 July 2009) **[4a]**

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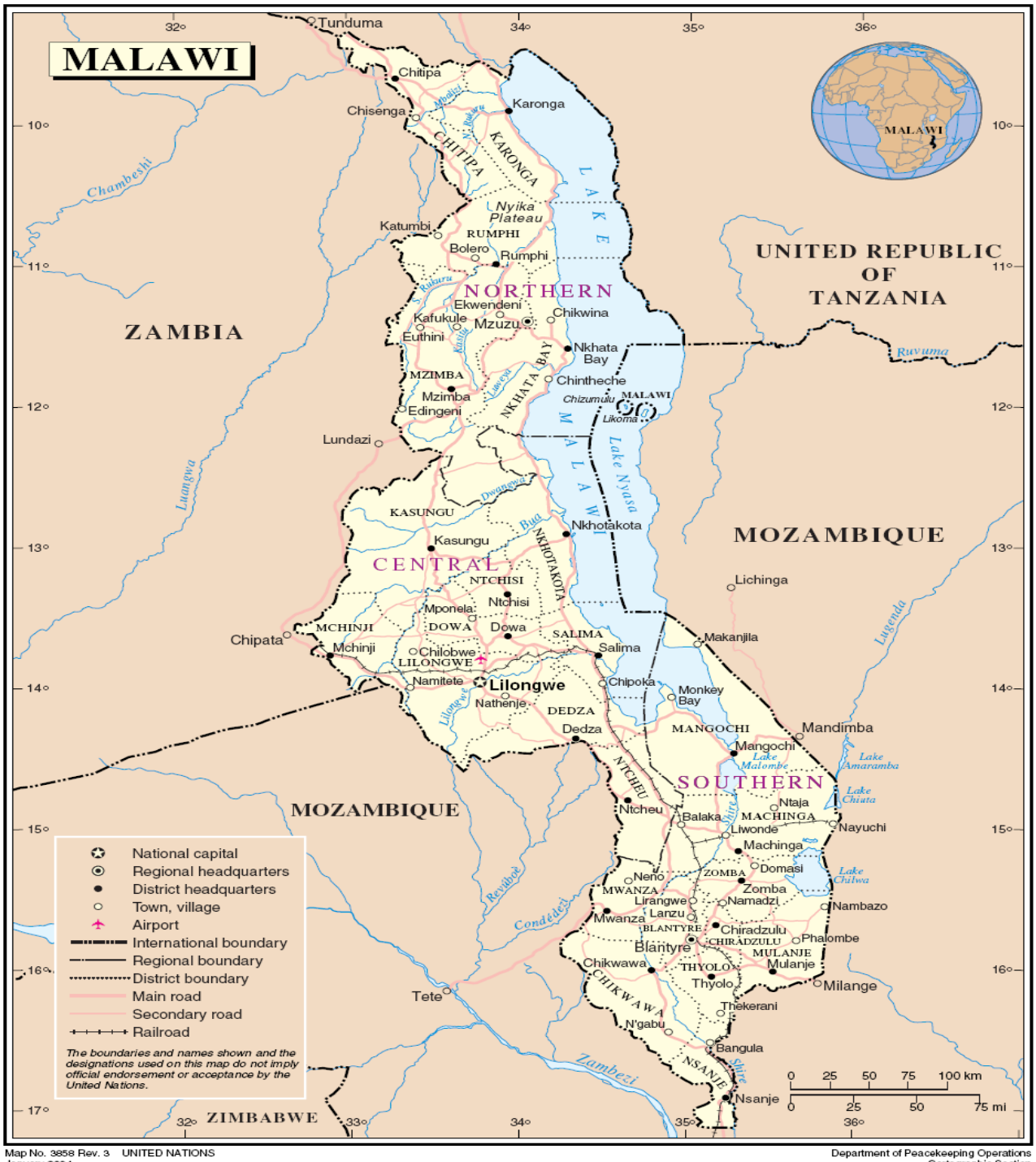
GEOGRAPHY

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), Country Profile, updated 14 July 2009, noted: "Malawi is a landlocked country in south central Africa bordered by Tanzania to the north, Zambia to the west and Mozambique to the east and south. Over 1/5 of the total land area of 118,000 sq km comprises of Lake Malawi." **[4a]**

Map of Malawi

United Nations Cartographic Section January 2004 **[5a]**



RECENT HISTORY

Jane's Sentinel Country Risk Assessments, last updated 4 September 2009, provided an overview of the country's history in its Executive Summary, noting:

"After three decades of domination by Hastings Kamuzu Banda's Malawi Congress Party (MCP), Malawi's transition towards multi-party democracy finally began in 1993. Vigorous protest, rejection of the election results and legal proceedings by the opposition followed Malawi's second and third multi-party elections in 1999 and 2004. Political tensions characterised President Bingu wa Mutharika's first term, having been on the rise since the 2004 elections and, particularly, since the fallout between Mutharika and former president Bakili Muluzi's United Democratic Front (UDF), on whose ticket he had contested the polls. … The 2009 elections, which saw the incumbent secure a second term in office, seemed to show some movement away from regional voting traditions, with Mutharika's Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), contesting its first general election, leading in the parliamentary polls. A DPP majority in parliament may decrease the potential for the legislative battles that emerged during Mutharika's first term. Malawi's consistent economic growth since 2003 (with the exception of 2005) has also set a sound foundation for continued progress. Like neighbours Zambia and Tanzania, Malawi has managed to avoid the externalities of conflict spilling over from neighbouring zones. Even such internal and transnational threats as have been noted, including alleged coup plots, tend to be overstated for political reasons. The primary challenges facing the country include addressing poverty, stimulating economic diversification, reducing unemployment, and tackling issues of food security and the HIV/AIDS pandemic, with Mutharika also continuing to prioritise the fight against corruption." **[35a]**

Freedom House noted in its Freedom in the World 2009 report for Malawi (covering events in 2008), dated 16 July 2009, that:

"In early 2005, a rift between Mutharika and Muluzi, who remained the UDF chairman, worsened after several powerful UDF figures were arrested as part of Mutharika's new anticorruption campaign. Mutharika resigned from the UDF and formed the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), which many lawmakers then joined. Impeachment charges launched that year alleged that public funds had been used to recruit legislators to the DPP, and the defections appeared to violate a constitutional clause stating that members who switch parties after elections would lose their seats. The Supreme Court upheld the clause on party defections in June 2007, putting the seats of up to 60 lawmakers in jeopardy and leaving Mutharika vulnerable to impeachment efforts.

"In that context, Mutharika became locked in an acute conflict with the opposition-controlled parliament. In 2006 and 2007, passage of the budget was substantially delayed as the opposition attempted (unsuccessfully) to force action on the party-defections issue. In 2008, as the opposition prepared to compel the speaker of parliament to address the defections dispute, Mutharika delayed calling the legislature into session. When he finally did so, the opposition initially mounted a boycott and then refused to pass any bills. A deal brokered by church leaders ultimately facilitated the passage of the budget, but the party-defections issue remained unresolved.

"Mutharika has also been engaged in a struggle against leading figures in the UDF. His vice president, Cassim Chilumpha, went on trial in February 2007 for allegedly plotting to assassinate the president. The trial was ongoing at the end of 2008. Muluzi in 2008 secured the UDF nomination for the 2009 presidential election, but shortly afterward, he and several other UDF insiders and former security officials were arrested for

allegedly plotting to overthrow the government. All were later released on bail. Muluzi remained the target of corruption investigations pertaining to alleged theft during his time in office.

"Relations with international donors, which account for 80 percent of Malawi's development budget, have improved since Mutharika took power. In 2008, Malawi obtained an aid pledge of $286 million from the Chinese government as well as increased funding from the International Monetary Fund. Dramatic improvements in agricultural output, partially credited to a popular fertilizer subsidy program, have helped the country to achieve solid economic growth rates over the last few years. Growth rates for 2008 were estimated to be 7 percent." **[15a]**

Europa World, accessed 7 December 2009, noted that:

"In early February 2008 President Mutharika carried out a reorganization of the Cabinet, in which the Minister of Defence and the Minister of Health were replaced. Muluzi was nominated in April by the UDF as that party's candidate for the presidential election due to be held concurrently with legislative elections in May 2009; having previously served two terms in office, opponents objected to his candidacy." … Meanwhile, reports emerged in early May 2008 that eight high-ranking security officials, including former Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Lt-Gen. Joseph Chimbayo, had been arrested following accusations by Mutharika that they had been acting under instruction from Muluzi in an attempt to remove him from office; seven were subsequently released on bail. Later that month Muluzi was questioned by police and placed under house arrest. Muluzi denied the allegations and was later released without charge. In December [2008] Chakuamba of the NRP was arrested for encouraging violence against Muthrika's Lhomwe tribe but was released on bail. In late February 2009 Muluzi was again detained on charges of corruption relating to the misappropriation donor funds during his presidency (see above). He appeared in court in April, but refused to enter a plea. Muluzi's legal representatives maintained that they were in possession of evidence which demonstrated that Mutharika had been responsible for instigating renewed investigation into the case by the country's Anti-Corruption Bureau.

"Also in April 2009 Chakuamba announced that the NRP, together with the MCP and the UDF, had formed an alliance to contest the presidential and legislative elections scheduled for 19 May and to form the next administration. By late April several smaller parties had also indicated their willingness to join the new alliance." **[1a] (History)**

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RECENT EVENTS AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

Freedom House noted that:

"Political deadlock in 2008 led to a delay in the reconvening of the parliament and late passage of the budget. Former president Bakili Muluzi positioned himself as a leading challenger to current president Bingu wa Mutharika ahead of the 2009 presidential poll, but he and several of his allies were then arrested on treason charges. Restrictions on media freedom and harassment of the judiciary remained crucial problems during the year." (Freedom in the World 2009) **[15a]**

The Maravi Post reported on 2 December 2009 that:

"Malawi's parliament has voted in favour of a bill to amend the country's constitution to give powers to the President to set a date for the holding of local polls. The new amendment which allows the president and the electoral commission to 'consult to determine the actual date when the elections will be held replaces the old one which requires polls to be held in the third week of May, a year after general elections. The current system of holding polls every 5 years would still stand.

"The local polls were constitutionally required to be held by May 2010 following this year's elections in May but they have been postponed yet again. Local government minister Goodal Gondwe, who presented the bill in the 193 member House late Tuesday, said Malawi had failed 'comply with the old constitutional provision for various reasons and the amendment will correct the anomaly'." … Malawi last held local government elections in 2000. The next polls set for the 2005 were cancelled because of famine which affected about half of the country's population." **[68a]**

Reporting on the 2009 elections, Jane's Sentinel Country Risk Assessments in its Executive Summary, last updated 4 September 2009, noted:

"Ahead of the May 2009 poll, it had seemed that the presidential election would be a tight two-horse race between the incumbent and John Tembo, of the MCP, who was subsequently also being backed by Muluzi and his UDF. With the MCP's main support base being in central Malawi and the UDF's in the south, the alliance between the two could have posed a significant threat to Mutharika and his DPP. However, economic circumstances since the 1999 and 2004 elections had improved by 2009, with Malawi, for example, enjoying higher growth, which may have boosted positive perceptions of Mutharika's stewardship over that period. The DPP subsequently secured a landslide victory, taking 114 of 193 seats in the National Assembly elections. Mutharika also secured re-election in the presidential poll by a large margin (over 65 per cent of the vote), thereby achieving a stronger mandate than in the 2004 polls." **[35a]**

ECONOMY

GDP: US$3.441 billion (2007 est.)
GDP per capita: US$263 (2007)
Annual growth: 8.7% (2008 est.)
Inflation: 9% (2009 est.)
Major industries: tobacco, tea, sugar, mining, sawmill products, cement and consumer goods.
Main trading partners: South Africa, Germany, US, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Netherlands, UK, Japan. (FCO Country Profile, 14 July 2009) **[4a]**
Exchange Rate: Malawian kwachas (MWK) per US dollar - 159.16 (2009 est.), (CIA World Fact book, 4 February 2010) **[7a]**

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) World Factbook, updated 4 February 2010, recorded:

"Landlocked Malawi ranks among the world's most densely populated and least developed countries. The economy is predominately agricultural with about 85% of the population living in rural areas. Agriculture accounts for more than one-third of GDP and 90% of export revenues. The performance of the tobacco sector is key to short-term growth as tobacco accounts for more than half of exports. The economy depends on substantial inflows of economic assistance from the IMF, the World Bank, and individual donor nations. In 2006, Malawi was approved for relief under the Heavily

Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) program. In December 2007, the US granted Malawi eligibility status to receive financial support within the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) initiative. The government faces many challenges including developing a market economy, improving educational facilities, facing up to environmental problems, dealing with the rapidly growing problem of HIV/AIDS, and satisfying foreign donors that fiscal discipline is being tightened. Since 2005 President MUTHARIKA'S government has exhibited improved financial discipline under the guidance of Finance Minister Goodall GONDWE and signed a three year Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility worth $56 million with the IMF. Improved relations with the IMF lead other international donors to resume aid as well. In 2009, however, Malawi has experienced some setbacks, including a general shortage of foreign exchange, which has damaged its ability to pay for imports. Investment fell 23% in 2009. The government has failed to address barriers to investment such as unreliable power, water shortages, poor telecommunications infrastructure, and the high costs of services." **[7a]**

The Foreign Commonwealth Office (FCO) country profile, updated 14 July 2009, recorded:

"Malawi has few exploitable resources apart from land, which is at serious risk of degradation as a result of population pressure and poor farming methods. Agriculture remains the backbone of the economy, employing 85% of the working population. However, about 90% of these workers are engaged in subsistence farming. Tobacco is responsible for some 60% of export earnings, with sugar, tea and coffee contributing about 5% each. Uranium deposits in the north of Malawi will be exported from mid-2009 and will run at 1,500 tonnes a year for at least ten years, generating an annual income of some $100 million, about 5% of Malawi's GDP and 20% of foreign exchange earnings." **[4a]**

Jane's Sentinel Country Risk Assessments, last updated 4 September 2009, reported in the Economy section, that:

"In recent years, Malawi has enjoyed consistent economic growth of over five per cent per annum between 2003 and 2008, with the exception of 2005. Gross domestic product (GDP) growth was estimated to have reached 9.7 per cent in 2008, according to an International Monetary Fund (IMF) staff mission. Malawi is a net exporter of agricultural products and the sector employs at least half of those in formal sector employment and supports, either directly or indirectly, close to 80 per cent of the country's population. However, dependence on tobacco, sugar, coffee and tea exports for about 80 per cent of its foreign exchange earnings renders the country vulnerable to price fluctuations and the effects of pests, drought and floods. The global economic downturn thus also poses a threat to foreign exchange earnings from some exports." **[35a]**

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HUMAN RIGHTS

The US State Department Report on Human Rights Practices 2008 (USSD 2008), published on 25 February 2009, noted that:

"The government generally respected the human rights of its citizens; however, there were problems in some areas. Unlawful killing by security forces and police use of excessive force including torture occurred, but the government took steps to prosecute and punish some abusers. Occasional mob violence and harsh and life-threatening prison conditions continued. Arbitrary arrest and detention, including politically motivated arrests, lengthy pretrial detention, societal violence against women, and corruption were problems. The government restricted freedom of assembly and, at times, limited freedom of speech and the press. Government efforts to combat trafficking in persons and child labor continued, but problems remained." **[2a] (Introduction)**

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The USSD 2008 noted that:

"Domestic violence, especially wife beating, was common, although women seldom discussed the problem openly, and victims rarely sought legal recourse. Legal experts and human rights workers attributed victims' reluctance to report their abusers to economic dependence on the abuser, lack of awareness of their legal rights and fear of retribution and ostracism. The law provides a maximum penalty of life imprisonment for domestic violence. The law also recognizes that both men and women can be perpetrators as well as victims of domestic violence. Police regularly investigated cases of rape and sexual assault but did not normally intervene in domestic disputes. Police victims support units provide shelter to abuse victims and deal with human rights and gender-based violence, but officers' capacity to assist and document cases was limited." **[2a] (p11, Section 5 Discrimination, Societal Abuses, and Trafficking in Persons)**

CHILDREN

The USSD 2008 also noted that:

"Child abuse was a problem. The press reported many cases of sexual abuse of children, including arrests for rape, incest, sodomy, and defilement. For example, on April 10, South Lunzu magistrate sentenced Steven Nkhata to 14 years in prison for raping an 11-year-old girl.

"A July report from the Mzuzu police victims support unit indicated that abduction, child abuse, and child rape cases had risen during the year. The Church of Central Africa, Presbyterian's paralegal department also reported an increase in child abuse and defilement cases for the past year. However, Rumphi police stated in January that the victim support units were raising awareness and gender-based violence cases had dropped from five to 10 per week to one to two in their area." **[2a] (p12, Section 5 Discrimination, Societal Abuses, and Trafficking in Persons)**

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CRIME

Jane's Sentinel Country Risk Assessments, last updated 4 September 2009, noted in the Security section that:

"Crime in Malawi continues to be a problem, also fuelled by an influx of illegal firearms. The main sources of illegal weapons are AK-47 rifles from the former conflicts in Mozambique, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo; 9 mm pistols from South Africa; and the disappearance of firearms from police stocks. The Malawi Police Service is constrained by a lack of resources, although attempts are being made to address this. Malawi has also been identified by the UN as one of the likely source countries for women and child trafficking to South Africa. Compulsory birth certificates are now to be introduced by the government in a bid to help combat child trafficking." **[35a]**

FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND ASSEMBLY

Freedom House, Freedom in the World 2009 report for Malawi (covering events in 2008), published 16 July 2009, noted that:

"The government generally upholds freedoms of association and assembly. However, since 2007, the UDF and Muluzi loyalists have had difficulties holding rallies. In June 2008, police used tear gas and live ammunition to disperse crowds that gathered to support Muluzi when he was accused of treason. At least one individual was also severely beaten by the police. In both June and August, police halted Muluzi's rallies, in one case threatening to arrest participants. In both cases, police were eventually forced to allow rallies in the wake of court rulings and legal action by the opposition." **[15a]**

FREEDOM OF RELIGION

Freedom House noted that religion is usually respected, and the government does not restrict academic freedom. (Freedom in the World 2009, 16 July 2009) **[15a]** And the USSD Report 2008 noted that:

"The constitution and law provide for freedom of religion, and the government generally respected this right. A 2007 Supreme Court ruling declared that religious freedom is a right that cannot be restricted. Churches continued to exert significant political influence, particularly in rural areas. There are no separate requirements for the recognition of religious groups, but they must register with the government. Foreign Christian missionaries experienced occasional delays in renewing employment permits; however, this appeared to be the result of bureaucratic inefficiency rather than policy." **[2a] (p8, Section 2c Freedom of Religion)**

FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND MEDIA

Freedom House noted:

"Freedom of the press is legally guaranteed. Despite occasional restrictions, Malawi's dozen or so newspapers present a diversity of opinion. The government controls the only television station in the country (TVM), and while there are a number of radio stations, the government-owned Malawi Broadcasting Corporation (MBC) continues to dominate. Both the MBC and TVM display a significant bias in favor of the government, which led the opposition-controlled parliament to cut off funding in 2007 and 2008. Both outlets continue to operate, albeit under some duress, relying on advertising and loans

to fund operations. Private outlets have encountered government harassment. In 2007, regulators ordered a television station owned by Muluzi off the air. In July 2008, immigration authorities raided Muluzi's Joy Radio and threatened to deport its manager, and the information minister indicated that the station should have its license revoked.

"In November 2008, the government regulatory agency revoked the license of Joy Radio; however a court order shortly thereafter returned it to the air. Separately, in February 2008, a reporter was arrested for coverage of allegations that the government planned to rig the 2009 elections. Both the Media Council and civil society groups have condemned the incendiary tone of political programs on the radio. There are no restrictions on access to the internet, although it is not widely used." (Freedom in the World, 16 July 2009) **[15a]**

The USSD 2008 report noted that:

"The law provides for freedom of speech and of the press; however, at times the government attempted to limit these rights. Journalists practiced self-censorship, especially at government-owned media outlets such as the Malawi Broadcast Corporation (MBC) and Television Malawi (TVM).

"Private individuals were generally free to criticize the government without fear of reprisal. However, after the May arrest of nine members of the opposition for treason, several prominent NGO leaders and clergy stated that police and other government officials threatened them with arrest unless they stopped commenting on governance issues.

"The independent media were active and expressed a wide variety of views; however, the government imposed some restrictions during the year. A broad spectrum of political opinion was available in the country's newspapers. There were 11 independent newspapers available, including two dailies, one tri-weekly, seven weeklies, and one monthly." **[2a] (p6, Section 2a Freedom of Speech and Press)**

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PRISON CONDITIONS

Amnesty International Annual Report 2009, published 28 May 2009, noted that:

"Prisons were overcrowded and lacked adequate facilities. For example, Kachere prison, in which about 170 juveniles were detained at the beginning of December, only had one toilet and one bathroom. Maula prison, built to accommodate 700 detainees, housed about 1,800 at the beginning of December. Prisons faced food shortages, leading to high levels of malnutrition. Although prisoners suffering from HIV/AIDS received anti-retroviral treatment, they were not given the necessary supplementary diet." **[9a]**

The USSD 2008 report noted the following prison conditions:

"Prison conditions remained harsh and life threatening; overcrowding, inadequate nutrition, substandard sanitation, and poor health facilities remained serious problems.

In 2007 chief commissioner for Malawi prison services MacDonald Chawona publicly acknowledged that conditions in the prisons were appalling and attributed most of the problems to inadequate funding. In March the MHRC released a report noting violation of HIV-positive prisoners' rights due to shortage of medicine, inadequate space, poor medical facilities, poor nutrition, and a lack of emergency transport.

"The prison system, which was meant to accommodate approximately 5,000 inmates, routinely held at least double that number. According to the prison commissioner, there were more than 11,000 inmates in the prison system at year's end. Staffing in prisons was inadequate, and more than 60 percent of positions were unfilled. Budget allocations for the prison system were less than 20 percent of the stated need, and the warden to inmate ratio was one to 17 rather than the recommended one to five." **[2a] (p3 Section, Prison and Detention Center Conditions)**

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TRAFFICKING

The US Department of State Trafficking in Persons Report 2009, dated 21 November 2009, noted:

"Malawi is a source, transit, and destination country for men, women, and children trafficked for the purposes of forced labor and sexual exploitation. The incidence of internal trafficking is believed higher than that of transnational [sic] trafficking, and practices such as forced labor exist, particularly on tobacco plantations. Children are trafficked primarily within the country for forced labor in agriculture, animal herding, domestic servitude, and to perform forced menial tasks for small businesses. Girls and young women are trafficked internally for forced labor and prostitution at local bars and rest houses. Malawian adults and children are lured by fraudulent offers of employment into situations of forced labor and commercial sexual exploitation in Mozambique, South Africa, and Zambia. In 2008, Malawian men were also trafficked to Tanzania for forced labor in the fishing industry. Children, as well as a smaller number of women, from Zambia, Mozambique, Tanzania, Burundi, and Zimbabwe are trafficked to Malawi for forced labor and commercial sexual exploitation.

"The Government of Malawi does not fully comply with the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking; however, it is making significant efforts to do so. While the government incrementally improved its efforts to identify victims and bring trafficking offenders to justice, the largely inconsequential punishments meted out to convicted traffickers during the reporting period demonstrated a continued lack of understanding of the seriousness of human trafficking crimes on the part of judicial and other government officials." **[2b]**

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