

Dated: 1st December 2006

The Director
Criminal Investigation Department (CID)
Kampala

RE: REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

The Press and Journalist Act Cap 105 of 1995, Section 5 requires a Proprietor of a Newspaper to register the particulars of the Editor with the Media Council, failure of which is an offence and on conviction one is liable to a fine or imprisonment. (See copy attached).

The Black Mamba Newspaper has continuously been in circulation and sold to the public for a period of about six months without complying with the law and its provisions. Black Mamba Publications is located at Namanve - Jinja Road.

The same Proprietor was given (7) seven days notice to comply, and no positive response has been received to date (See letter attached)

Following that, a notification was forwarded to Director of Public Prosecution, copied to you. The D.P.P. had advised us to report to your office, as per the attached letter.

The purpose of this letter is to request you to take appropriate action against the publisher(s)/proprietor(s)/editors of the offending newspaper as the law may require.

Paul Mukasa
SECRETARY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PRESS AND JOURNALISTS ACT CAP 105

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE BLACK MAMBA NEWSPAPER

NOTIFICATION

TO:

The Director of Public Prosecution,
Workers House,
KAMPALA.

THIS IS TO NOTIFY you that the BLACK MAMBA Newspaper has contrary to section 5 of the Press and journalist Act [Cap 105] been published and marketed to the general public.

THE MEDIA COUNCIL hereby requests that you immediately take appropriate action against the publisher(s)/proprietor(s)/editor of the offending newspaper by:

1. instituting criminal proceeding against the publisher(s)/proprietor(s) and/or editor of the said newspaper;
2. apply to Court under section 39(1) of the Press and Journalist Act for confiscation of all existing copies of the newspaper intended for dissemination;
3. Applying to Court under section 39(1) of the Press and Journalist Act for a ban on the publication of the said newspaper.

Signed and sealed for and on behalf of the Media Council this.....day of

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY

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