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SHARE THEIR
COVID EXPERIENCE**

Fake News – a different pandemic

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Once we're done fighting Corona, the world needs to pay its attention to a different pandemic that's fake news.

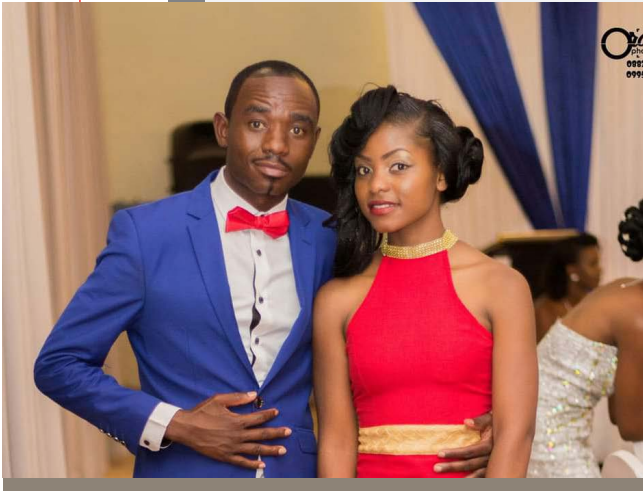
Before his death, social media already had reports circulating that Dj Kenny Klips had died. Similarly, social media has recently had fake reports circulating that Mining Minister Rashid Gaffar had passed on.

The examples of the virus are a lot to share.

Social media users have a thirst of becoming journalists – being the first to break news – as if they specialized in this beautiful profession.

Well, if you want to really be a social media journalist, then do what actual media journalists do – verify, talk to actual sources before sharing your news. Your bloody fake news.

Editor,
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COLLEGE FEED



Poly student pays fees through photography

A first year student pursuing a Civil Engineering Degree at the Polytechnic, Mwayie Ng'oma, has raised his own school fees through his photography business.

BIZARRE!



Youths speak about alleged Police Rape

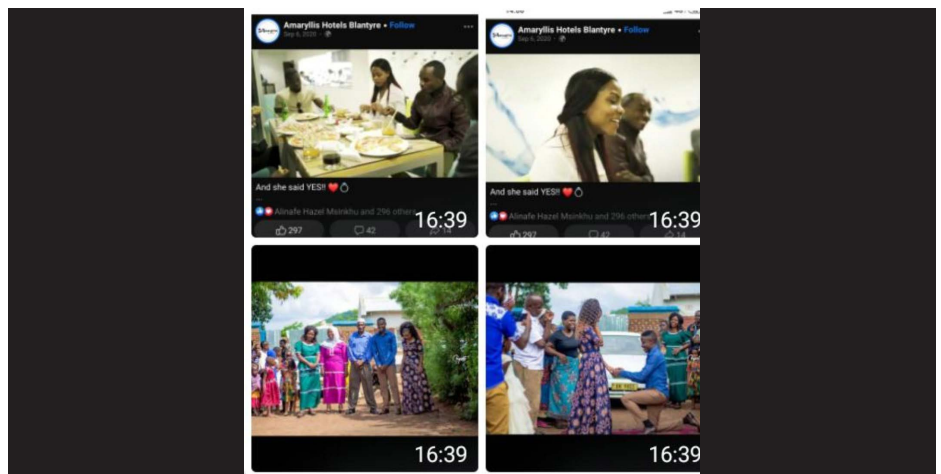
A group of young people in BT have written Chief Justice Andrew Nyirenda to ensure that justice is served in a case in which a 17 year-old student from the Polytechnic was allegedly raped by a Police Officer at Limbe Police Station on 12 Dec. '20.

Nkhani za M'mabodza

'Fear women' – tears of a fiancée

#JusticeforFrankMchupuka has been trending on social media this week.

Frank, once president of the Polytechnic Students Union, was (or is? Who knows...) in a relationship with longtime girlfriend he met while in college and, according to a video the FYI



team recently seen, the two were engaged.

But, in a twist of events, images emerged on social media later on of the same girl (or a Twin sister/look-alike?), Fiancée to Frank, who also, sadly, allegedly got engaged to someone else.

At the moment, we're not sure

where things lie as Frank still has a profile picture of him and his allegedly shared-fiancée as his Facebook profile picture.

However, as far as we've gathered, the three are yet to make any comments on the issue.

Creative of the Week - Madalo



Madalo Malunga is a 22 year old model based in Blantyre who also works as an accountant at a marketing agency.

She is currently participating in a virtual competition called 'Supra Star Search' to stand a chance of representing Malawi at Miss Supranational 2021 which according to her is one of the biggest beauty pageants in the world.

"Supra Star Search is focusing on countries, like Malawi, who don't hold a franchise to send a representative at Miss Supranational. The virtual competition is organized by Andre Sleight, the creative director of Miss Supranational.

"I knew about Miss Supranational a long time ago 'coz I love beauty pageants and follow them with so much interest. I knew about Supra Star Search on Instagram when a miss universe fan page posted it. When they posted a list of African countries that are eligible to contest, Malawi was not there and I commented on the post that I really wanted to be part of it and I was told I can apply," she said.

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**Madalo
Malunga
- model**





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New Malawian Movie Alert

BY Bridgitta Flao

KELVIN MAXWELL NGOMA

PATRICIA OVILHELHA NEHIYA

a satellite Entertainment Short Film

KHANDA

Written & Directed by Kelvin Maxwell Ngoma



Malawi's movie industry could be on its way to becoming the Bollywood that we have only dreamt of, with a lot of Malawian produced movies being anticipated this year.

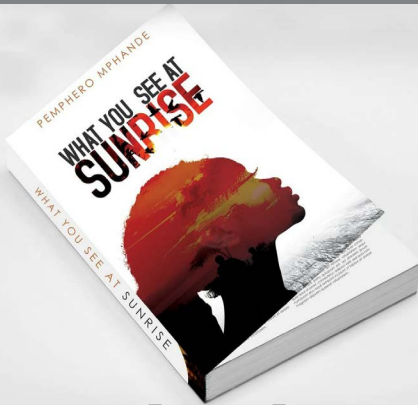
Depicting poverty, family and love, one of the Malawian movies coming out this year, "Khanda," draws its inspiration from real life struggles of average Malawians that are stuck and struggle with poverty day in day out.

The movie was shot in Lilongwe and produced by one of Kwanjana Kanyada of Satellite Multimedia.

It stars Ovihlela Nehiya and Kelvin Maxwell Ngoma and is expected to be out on YouTube on 29th January, 2021.

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WHATSUP IN MALAWI?



Mphande's sunrise nears

Pemphero Mphande's up & coming book titled 'What You See at Sunrise' will be able to pre-order the book from 27 February 2021.



Tay Lanez Fridays

Tay Grin is following the footsteps of USA rapper Tory Lanez by hosting a Quarantine Entertainment show

Malawian celebs share their Covid-19 experience

BY Bridgitta Flao



Talks of how dangerous the second-wave of novel coronavirus pandemic would sound like fairytales and conspiracy theories until now.

Now that the statistics given by the Ministry of Health are people we know; people we see on TV; people we engage with every now and then on social media.

Of late, some youthful Malawian celebrities tested positive for the virus – giving all of us a wake-up call that it can happen to anyone.

3 time award-winning TV personality, Priscilla Kayira was gripped with sadness and disappointment upon receiving the news that she had tested positive.

She says grew worry of the people she had been in contact with prior to the test, especially her workmates.

“I was very confident that

I was actually negative because of the last few days [days before she got her Covid test],” she said.

Priscilla attributed this to the fact that she was cautious and knew exactly who she was in contact with.

Upon receiving the results, she made a decision to cut down on social media; catch up on shows and books but most importantly take some alone-time to reflect and get better as well as rest as the experience brought in restlessness.

“It gave me time to reflect and start the New Year over on a very calm, relaxed tone.”

Most people’s funny man on the other side, Tannah Harawa aka Mr. Broken English also shared his Covid-19 experience with FYI.

A persistent cough, body pains and loss of his senses

of smell and taste, led to him gathering courage to get a Covid test at Bwaila where he was told he has the coronavirus.

“I felt sad but my family and friends assured me that I would be okay,” he explained.

Tannah has since been in self-isolation, taking remedies and trying to keep active.

“Staying positive and accepting this situation puts you one step closer to getting better,” he advised. Drawing from these shared experiences, as articulated by Priscilla, being told you’ve tested positive to Covid-19 is not being handed a death sentence.

The best thing about it is it is preventable but only if we all follow the necessary precautionary measures. So, sanitize; wear a mask; stay home and stay safe!

PICTURES OF THE WEEK

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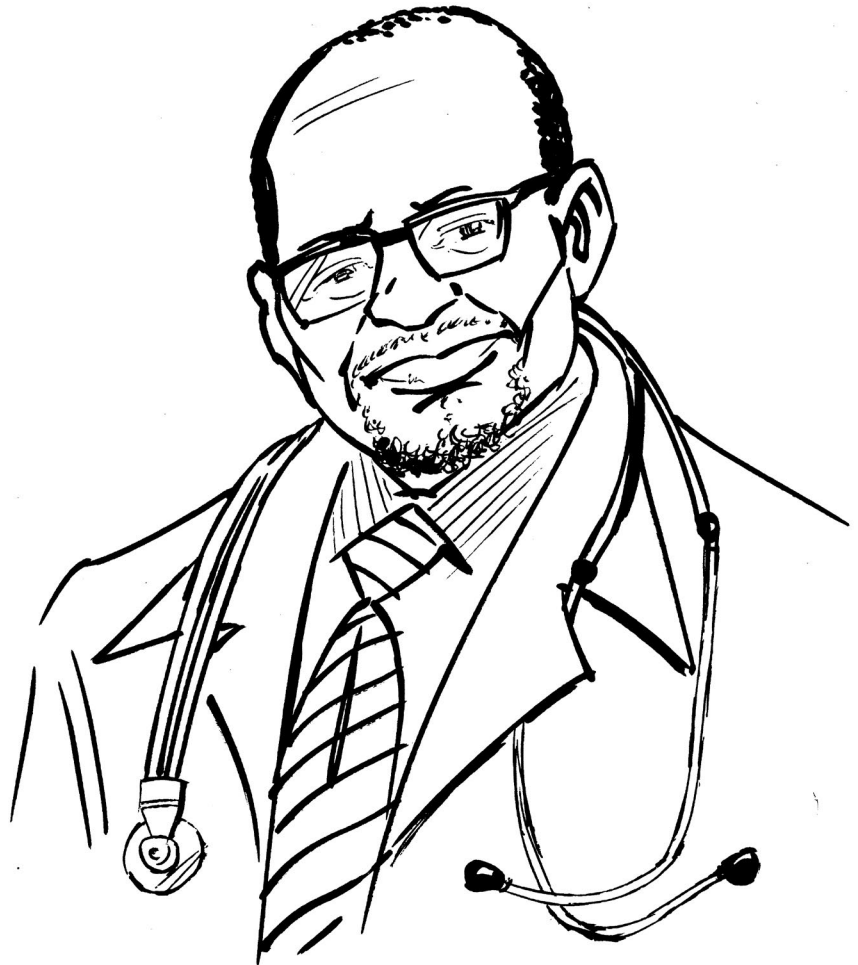


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1. - aGide receiving a house.
2. - Social media humour.
3. - Malawian netball players Joyce Mvula and Loreen Ngwira were named among the all-stars squad of the Netball Legends Series 2021.

ASK SIBWENI



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NEWS RECAP

aGide got a house as a Birthday Gift

Giddes Chalamanda received a house for his 91st birthday from a group of Malawian women based in Europe.

Mw yet to prepare for Covid Vaccine

The availability of a covid vaccine in Malawi depends on how soon the country finalizes detailed logistical plans and tools for the effective transportation, storage & continuous temperature monitoring of the vaccine.

DPP without a head office

Democratic Progressive Party is operating without a national headquarters, as the former governing party left its head office in Lilongwe Area 4 late last year.

Save the Children warn on education crisis

BY Gary Samati



Civil Society Education Coalition (Csec) and Save the Children have warned of a looming education crisis following the temporary closure of schools due to the recent rise in Covid-19 cases.

The organizations have written a joint statement to warn the government that the generation currently in school will be heavily affected due to the second year of school disruption.

According to the statement, disruption to children's learning threatens the future of a generation and increases the risk of children dropping out completely.

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“The Truth about Anxiety”

BY Bridgitta Flao



With everything that's happening in the world now, especially in Malawi, a lot of people find themselves battling depression, anxiety and loneliness which has deteriorated mental health fuelling mental disorders. Perhaps “the truth about anxiety” authored by Amber Mdatsitsa Chidzalo is the eye-opener we needed to win the battle against mental health which has surged in the era of social media.

Not often do we nurture our talents from a young age, most of us discover what we are really good at – at a much later stage in life after so many failed attempts on our way to adulthood.

However, the opposite is Amber Mdatsitsa Chidzalo's story. A Malawian model

and writer who is about to publish her first myth buster hardcopy book titled “The Truth about Anxiety”. “I fell in love with writing at age 5 with an influence and an impact from my Dad,” she said.

Amber added that her life experiences and personal philosophy are what guide her writing.

Propelled by myths and conceptions that are associated with mental disorder, Chidzalo started writing the book in 2014, to raise awareness on mental disorder following speculations and rumors that came about in line with her personal experience.

“Rumors and speculations surrounding my ordeal made me want to break the stigma,” she said.

Chidzalo has incorporated personal experiences that touch on the ugliness of mental disorders to break the silence and pave way for more open conversations about mental health in societies where mental health has been misunderstood and survivors have been written off.

It also encourages those that have battled mental health that there is a future. “Having a disorder doesn't mean one is incapable, I am proof of that after winning Miss Zuri Africa,” attested Chidzalo.

The self-published book's cover design was done by Ruth Chombo with the actual book design by Pyke Arts.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



4 killed in post-election riots in US

US President Joe Biden has begun to undo some of Donald Trump's key policies, hours after being sworn in. In his initial acts as the 46th US president, he signed 15 executive orders - the first to boost the federal response to the coronavirus crisis. Other orders reversed the Trump administration's stance on climate change and immigration.

Brief Gossip

Rihanna takes a shot at Donald Trump

There's already been plenty of celebrity reactions to President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris's historic inauguration, but



Burna Boy's Inauguration Destiny

Burna Boy's song 'Destiny' was featured on the US presidential inauguration playlist which ushered into President Joe Biden, and Vice President Kamala Harris.



Rihanna might just have them all beat. Bad Gal Rih tweeted "I'm just here to help" along with an instantly iconic pic of her taking out garbage bags [depicting

Trump as trash?] in an undeniably stylish fit and the hashtag #wediditJoe.

#ChakweraChallenge



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Be greatful some people are being lead by ancestors



Hammers Focus on Survival

BY Martin Mpungah

Ekwendeni Hammers captain Eric Kaonga has said that his team's main goal this season is simply to avoid relegation from the TNM Super League.

The Hammers boost their hopes of Super League survival after collecting six points from two games on their trip to Karonga last week.

"Of course we can survive, we always have to believe and work hard every game. At the end of the day we will see what it brings. It's possible," he said.

Following their 3-game unbeaten run, Ekwendeni Hammers are on second position of TNM Super League standings with 19 points from 9 games same as league leaders Silver Strikers but they are separated by a goal difference.



TNM SUPER LEAGUE LOG TABLE

6 Goals

Royal Bokosi (Red Lions)

5 Goals

Clever Kayira (Ekwendeni Hammers)

Maxwell Phodo & Stain Dave (Silver Strikers)

Hendrix Misinde (Ntopwa fc)