



**ALLEGED YOUNG
“SCAMMER”
SHARES HIS SIDE
OF THE STORY**

“MEN ARE TRASH”

In all honesty... my gender is trash



One of the most shocking realities that hit me off a twitter post – my gender can't create a safe environment for girls at school, work and not even at home. The twitter post, by one Cecillia Bamusi, states; "How do we teach our children to trust no one. You send her kwa uncle, she is raped; you send her ku school, the Dean wants sex; while at school fellow students rape her; she gets a job, abwana wants sex, [at home] a father rapes a 2 year old..." In a space of less than a month, these stories have actually been exposed – clearly showing that we men deserve all the MEN ARE TRASH comments we get. What's worse, one day we'll have daughters of our own. And one day, we will have sons of our own. If nothing changes now, our sons will not see a problem in being rape

perpetrators – and our daughters will fall victim.

At the time, will the "she didn't dress appropriately," and the "she should stop drinking," finally sound dull to you?

And, a common conversation among guys – "kuti udye umayenera uzidruza," is nothing but adding to rape culture. The statement basically says for a guy to have sex with a guy, he needs to keep pushing, to "convince her."

As men, we need to engage in more, "she said no once and I pulled up my pants stopped right there," conversations.

But until then, here is a reminder from your fellow man: MEN ARE TRASH!

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Ways to stand against rape

By UN Women



1. Create a culture of enthusiastic consent
2. Speak out against the root causes
3. Redefine masculinity
4. Stop victim-blaming
5. Have zero tolerance
6. Broaden your understanding of rape culture
7. Take an intersectional approach
8. Know the history of rape culture
9. Invest in women
10. Listen to survivors
11. Don't laugh at rape
12. Get involved
13. Educate the next generation
14. Start-or-join- the conversation

What the “rapist mentality” says

Most things guys say in conversations can show the inner rapist in them. Here are 5 of the “I might be a rapist,” phrases.

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“Girls say no when they mean yes”

4



“Girls need to watch how they dress”

3



“Why was she drinking?”

2



“She should know where and not to be”

1



“Girls are weak”

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Did you
know?

BIZARRE!



In 2018, national data from Malawi revealed that an estimated one in 5 (21.8%) young adult women experienced sexual abuse prior to age 18, primarily perpetrated by boyfriends, classmates and acquaintances.

Brief Gossip

**Alleged young
“scammer” gives
his side of the
story**

This week, a young kid on Twitter was accused of “stealing” from his customers. Most twitter users alleged that they had sent money to the young 16-year-old to place shoe orders from the kid. However, most claimed that he had not delivered their shoes nor given them their refund.

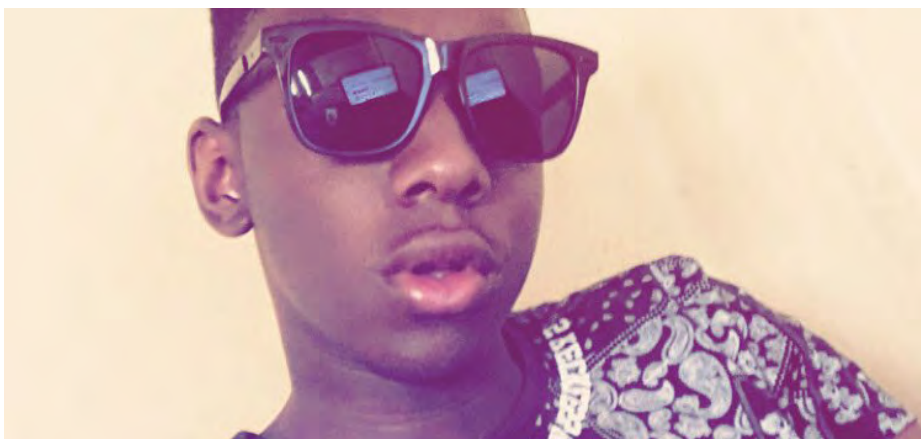


POLY DEAN SET-UP TO GET EXPOSED

The rumour mail has it that the Poly-Dean scandal was sparked by an attempt to set him up, in an attempt to expose his alleged prolonged sexual scandals that never saw the light of day.

Our inside sources at the college allege that the Dean of Students at the Polytechnic, Luciano Ndalama, has for a while been involved in such issues. However, they say, they did not have substantial evidence to bring forth.

As such, the girl involved in the screenshots had planned to hold the now- leaked conversations with the dean, solely for the purpose of exposing what Ndalama is allegedly fond of doing.



However, in an interview with FYI, the kid claimed that he had been scammed by his supplier.

“I was ordering Jordans from [name withheld] and her being someone I knew from way back, I trusted her with the business. As such, every time someone sent money to me, I sent it straight to her. Noe 3 weeks have passed and

she hasn’t delivered yet. I asked her to refund anthu cause its passed the agreed time. She was just like she’ll talk to the supplier, but months have passed and she never replies to my texts nor does she pick up my calls. But now the people who ordered the shoes are on my neck,” he said.

Model fails to raise funds for Naija Trip



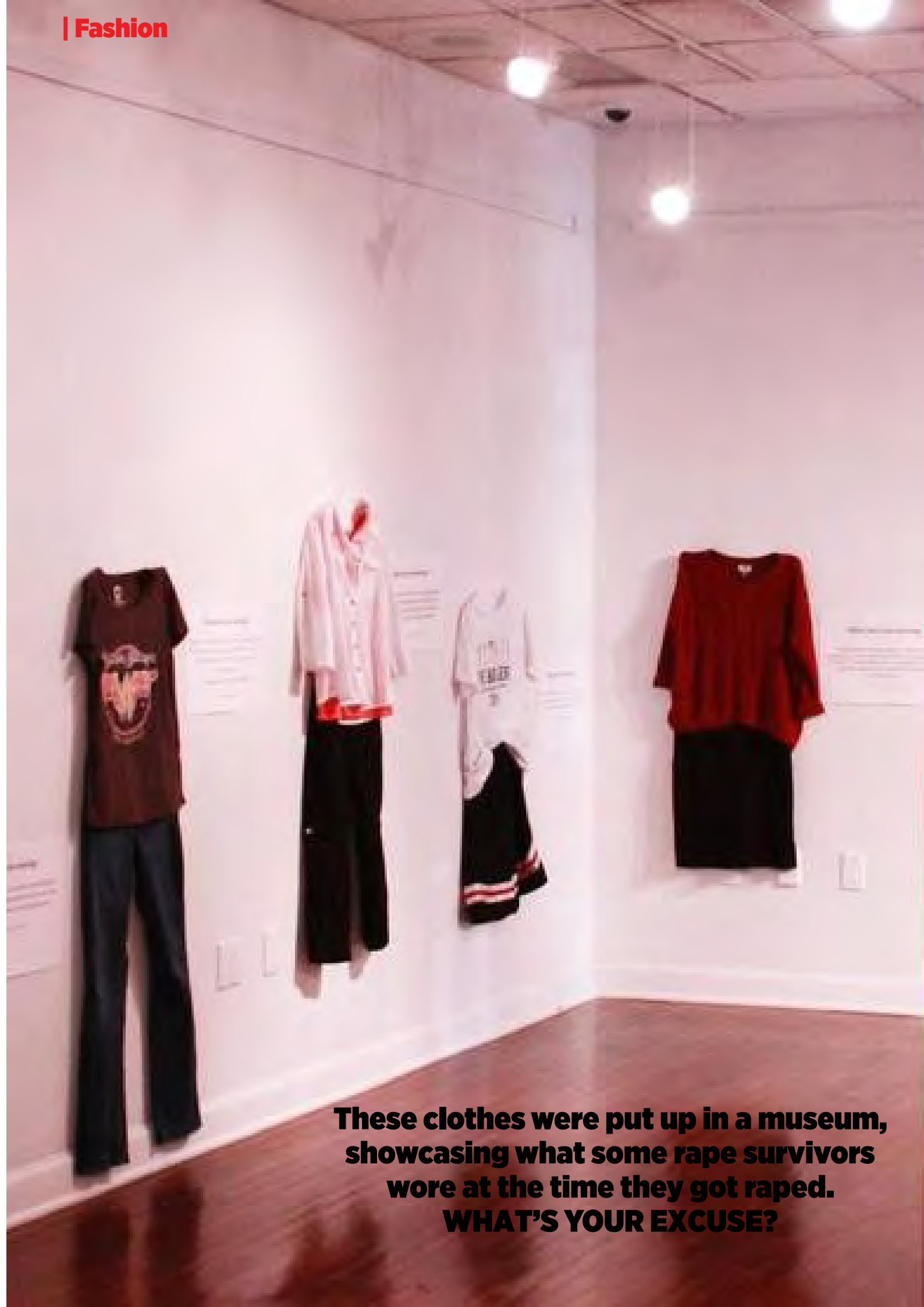
Mphalitso Kachigwada, a Malawian model who had been seeking for funds from well-wishers for a Naija trip, has withdrawn from the competition she was meant to travel for.

The competition, projectnextmodel, is a modelling reality show that sees 25 models that stay in a house together for 40 days, live on TV. The show hosts models from a few countries across Africa in one place; for them to learn and exchange cultures. The contest also sees models sharing ideas on how to develop modeling, culture, tourism and arts in their countries.

Mphalitso was selected by the organizers, to represent Malawi as a model in the competition. Upon seeing that she needed to source her own transportation money, the young model started raising funds on her own with the help of different people including Tay Grin.

However, she only managed to raise K200 grand of the K1.8 million.

“Season 2 projectnextmodel is starting in 2weeks time and i have managed to raise K200 grand which is not even enough for return tickets and I have no choice than to withdraw....thank you very much for believing in me, we need more people like you... the K200 grand I have ill still use it for my trip next year to represent Malawi at projectnextmodel season3,” she said.



**These clothes were put up in a museum,
showcasing what some rape survivors
wore at the time they got raped.
WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?**



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MEET SANTIANAROSE R&B UP & COMING ARTIST

by Precious Hemah



Rosemary “Santianarose” Milanze she’s an R&B, Afro Pop and also a song writer based in Blantyre Manja. Currently she’s studying Public Health at Soche Technical College in Blantyre. She got inspiration to sing while in secondary school and she also discovered that writing music was one of the simplest ways of uttering her feelings.

This year Santianarose has released three songs Jealous, My Way and Mbeta which she featured Beverly. She says she will release an EP year and promised her

fans to expect good songs with collaborations with other upcoming artists and well-known artists.

The Afro pop queen says she has faced a lot of challenges since she started music career and she advises her fellow female upcoming artists not to give up when they face challenges.

“Since 2017 when I started my music career, the journey has been rough for me because of my gender because people wanted to take advantage of me so that they can promote my music, it is also difficult when it comes to finances.”

“To my fellow upcoming artists they shouldn’t fall into unnecessary traps and they should not back down whenever they face obstacles in the music industry just because they are upcoming artists, challenges are there but we have to face them at the end of the day.”

Some of the previous songs that hit the local radio stations and websites by the upcoming R&B artist are Sorry and Pride among others.

STOP RAPE... NOW

by Bridgitta Flao



Everything that is happening on the African continent is just really sad. From Police brutality in Nigeria, killing of women in South Africa, to the Anglophone war in DRC; I truly believe there is an ongoing invisible world war 3.

The last thing on my mind was that Malawi as a country would also have its own ugly episode, a rotten piece of cake. When we thought we only had the coronavirus pandemic battle, rapists have reminded us that we might have been sleeping on a bigger war that has been going on since forever.

A war that has spiraled out of control because people justify that that skirt was too short, she got too drunk or... why didn't she speak up? She should have slept at her hostel, she is always around boys, she should have found a new job. Nonsense!!!

What I have personally observed

is that every time a woman has been raped people always rush to blame the victim and worse justify rape. The physical and physiological damage caused are never considered and that is inhuman. To make it even worse, other women are on the forefront saying this and that. Honestly, this conversation has been going on for so long that everyone needs to understand and let it sink in that rape is caused by rapists and rapists alone. When are we going to accept this fact as a people? Now, the thought of a gang rape at Chanco, a university that 'God loves the most,' makes me sick and ashamed. This girl was sleeping, yes, sleeping yet people have the audacity to say she caused the situation because she was drunk?

The jargon "educated savages" exists because of such people. For the record in laws of many countries including Malawi,

drinking is not a crime but rape is.

However, there seems to be mixed statements from Chanco authorities – as one source said the story is fake while another told FYI that the administration is investigating the incident.

Nonetheless, there have been more incidents about similar allegations. For starters, the Poly-Dean saga... MBC sexual assault allegations that surround the state broadcaster's Director General Aubrey Sumbuleta... and, Andrew Ngwira – who allegedly raped a girl less than 16 years.

Is there a place where women can be safe? Because work, school, church, home are not safe spaces. Must women cease to exist? Must we be mad when people resort to mob justice? What happened to consent? Excuse me, it's too much and Enough is Enough! We got a price to pay, STOP RAPE NOW!



NARCISSIST BEHAVIOUR

BY Zindzitswa Mvula



It's normal to have a partner who is self-involved on occasion, but if you find yourself in a relationship with a true narcissist partner, you are at risk of emotional manipulation and other controlling behaviors. Many people exhibit narcissistic traits, such as requiring excessive admiration, arrogance, and exaggerated self-importance, but far a few have a narcissist personality disorder. "There's a difference between being a narcissist and having narcissistic traits," In relationships, narcissists may exhibit some or all of the following behaviors:

Requiring excessive admiration
They need constant compliments and praise, and can be very

critical if they feel their partner is not taking care of them in the way they expect,"

Controlling Everything

"Narcissists often feel the need to control everything, "They constantly need to feel superior and put down the people around them."

Lacking Empathy

"Narcissists usually demonstrate a lack of empathy," "But it can be confusing, because they may sometimes have the capacity for empathy, often for their advantage. There may be hints of empathy, unlike a sociopath who has no empathy. Overall, a tell-tale sign is a lack of empathy that can be very hard to navigate

in a relationship."

Ignoring their partner's Needs

They don't think about their partner's happiness or remember things their partner likes. "They'll forget their partner's birthday, but will expect a big deal to be made about their birthday. There isn't much reciprocity,"

If you're currently in a relationship with a narcissist, you should proceed carefully. Narcissists can be very difficult partners, and often don't recognize that they have a problem. If you decide to end the relationship, don't expect an easy or amicable breakup.

"If the relationship isn't working, it's a delicate process to end it.

Think Pink

BY Bridgitta Flao



Before I was in MIJ against Cancer club, cancer was just another disease I would hear in the grapevine. My interest and knowledge grew when I became a member of the MIJ against cancer under the guidance of Cancer Survivors Quest Malawi founder and Chairperson, Chikhulupiriro Ng'ombe. I learned about the different types of cancer, the colors that represent them and of course months which are dedicated to raise awareness about the different types of cancer. The only thing I wasn't taught and prepared for was about was dealing with a diagnosis in the family.

In 2015, My mother was diagnosed with breast cancer but told no one about it until she had to undergo chemo. The morning she went for the

test she just indicated she had to see a doctor the other days went by as they normally would. She would still go to work and do everything else normally even after chemo. Its only as time went by that the chemo started to take a toll. The most surprising thing about that experience remains the fact that she was positive and had her conviction in God. It was actually the rest of us that were scared.

Since the diagnosis and watching my mother fight that battle, my whole perspective on breast cancer and the annual think pink campaign changed. My commitment to seeing change and helping others see just how important that annual campaign is has been one of the most fulfilling experiences. I would like to applaud everyone that took part in the virtual think pink walk

last week, that gesture goes a long way in strengthening survivors and those that are currently battling the diseases. As we wrap up October, the official month for breast cancer think pink awareness, I felt it is important to share with you that breast cancer does not only take a toll on health but is also an emotional disease. From learning from my mom, family and friends help you get through it.

Although we are saying goodbye to #thinkpink October, we still have to wage war on breast cancer and other types of cancer. Let's be vigilant in helping raise awareness that early detection of any kind of cancer can save lives. Do not tire as we on to #NoShaveNovember and remember to always thinkpink and more...

MAN ON FIRE: RICHARD MBULU

BY Zizwa James Mauluka

Imagine a wild fire that is consuming everything in its path, that is Richard at the moment. After a 2019/20 season where Richard could for some reason not find the back of the net, he has started like an absolute whirlwind this season. The Malawian number 9 has 3 goals in 2 games and is currently sitting at the top of the PSL top goal scorer charts while at the same time being Baroka FC's leading goal provider this season having been trusted with 2 starts already.

The Mangochi born Malawian's journey has been a tale of hard work, perseverance and seizing the moment when it comes. After Secondary school Richard decided to join the Army. It was there where his talent became apparent and the Salima based Army side, MAFCO FC picked him

to play in their first team. Under the instruction of Army professionals and a very strict and specialised team regime, Mbulu's game began to flourish and in 2016 he scored 19 goals for MAFCO en route to becoming the TNM Super League's top goal scorer beating veterans such as Chiukepo Msowoya and Peter Wadabwa to the Golden Boot.

His magnificent displays and excellent goal tally caught the eye of multiple scouts both locally and internationally. It didn't come as a surprise then, when in January of 2017 Mbulu signed for the Mozambican club Costa do Sol for a transfer fee of 3.5 million kwacha. He was then loaned to lower Portuguese division side Sanjoanense Sports Association side for a period of six months before returning to Costa

do Sol in 2018. Multiple spectacular performances in Mozambique prompted his current club Baroka FC to sign him in 2019.

It's now exciting to see that after a barren spell he has finally found his shooting boots again. The 26 year old has been pivotal in wins versus Amazulu and a most recent 3-1 demolition of Limpopo's Black leopards where he claimed the first half brace, scoring his 1st goal as early as the 2nd minute before scoring again in the 45th. It'll be interesting to watch Richard Mbulu progression this season as we look forward to very exciting times for Malawian football with the likes of Gerald Phiri, Gabadinho Mhango, Limbikani Mzava and Richard setting the Dstv Premier Soccer League alight.