



## **EFF STATEMENT ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF MALAWI'S VICE PRESIDENT DR. SAULOS CHILIMA**

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The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) extends our deepest condolences to the people of Malawi, President Lazarus Chakwera, and the family and friends of Vice President Dr. Saulos Klaus Chilima, following the tragic plane crash that claimed his life and the lives of nine others.

We are profoundly saddened by this devastating loss. Dr. Chilima's passing is not only a loss for Malawi but for the entire African continent. A visionary leader, Dr. Chilima worked tirelessly to champion economic reforms aimed at improving the lives of all Malawians.

Dr. Chilima's professional journey began with a stellar career in the private sector, where he excelled in leadership roles, notably as the Chief Executive Officer of Airtel Malawi. His transition into politics in 2014 marked a significant turning point for Malawi when he served as Vice President under President Peter Mutharika.

Later, after starting his own political party, the United Transformation Movement (UTM), Dr. Chilima united with other opposition parties in the country to contest and win the 2020 presidential elections with President Lazarus Chakwera.

The EFF therefore honours Dr. Chilima's legacy, his contributions to Malawi, and his commitment to democratic principles and unity. The EFF stands in solidarity with the people of Malawi during this difficult time. May Dr. Saulos Klaus Chilima and all those who perished in this tragic accident rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and the entire nation of Malawi.


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