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**Abbreviations and acronyms**

ATI	Access to Information
DN	<i>Daily Nation</i> newspaper
DPP	Director of Public Prosecutions
DTT	Digital Terrestrial Television
FDD	Forum for Democracy and Development
IBA	Independent Broadcasting Authority
MISA	Media Institute of Southern Africa
MP	Member of Parliament
PAC	People's Alliance Party
PF	Patriotic Front
ToZ	Times of Zambia newspaper
UNIP	United National Independence Party
UPND	United Party for National Development
ZDM	Zambia Daily Mail newspaper
ZICTA	Zambia Information, Communication and Technology Authority
ZNBC	Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation
ZRA	Zambia Revenue Authority
ZUBID	Zambia Union of Broadcasters and Information Disseminators

## 1.0 Introduction

The *State of the Media in Zambia* is a quarterly report based on the assessment of events touching on the environment under which the media operated during the period under review. The report summarises the conditions under which the media houses and media practitioners operated, but more specifically in respect of the economic, technological, legal and political environments as well as any other pertinent major issues that affect the media industry in Zambia. In addition, the report reflects the main topical national issues that arose during the period and how the media reported these in its role of ensuring that the public was fully informed.

The quarterly report is prepared by the Media Institute of Southern Africa, Zambia Chapter (MISA Zambia). The report helps cumulatively to document major developments in the media industry in Zambia and to flag off any negative trends requiring remedial measures by both MISA Zambia and other major stakeholders.

## 2.0 Methodology

The second quarterly report of the State of the Media in Zambia is essentially based on careful review and analysis of materials that were available during the said quarter containing information that had an impact and influenced the operations of the media in Zambia. The materials reviewed included materials such as news reports in the media related to the media fraternity, reports, press statements, and MISA Zambia media alerts published during the period under review. Further an analysis of the media houses with presence online was done paying particular attention to their presence online and how active they have been.

It should be noted at this stage that, the assignment to compile the report of the State of the Media report was given long after the end of the second quarter. As a result monitoring the broadcast media proved difficult to monitor the news aired in the quarter under review.

Efforts were nonetheless made to engage various selected broadcasting stations for recorded news-casts. Further the media houses were engaged to get further information on how the media

operated in the first quarter with attention to the environment of operation and how they were affected. Some media houses responded on time while other did not respond to the request.

### **3.0 Executive Summary of media events during the Second Quarter**

Many discussions in the media circles in the second quarter of 2018 opened and ended with debates around media freedom in Zambia. Media freedoms were deemed under threat following pronouncements of new laws yet to be enacted to censor what is shared through the media. The pronouncements such as enhancement of cyber security laws did not only threaten media freedom, but also threatened freedom of expression. The threat on freedom of expression was evident when a Zambia Information Communication and Technology Authority –ZICTA official said WhatsApp group admins would be required to register with the Authority.

This presents a scenario where media practitioners are yet to face a hard time in practicing their profession as more laws set to regulate their operation are yet to be enacted. The environment of operation for media houses and media practitioners was tough as media houses received threats from both cadres and government officials.

Talks surrounding the ATI continued in the second quarter with the need to review the proposed cyber security bills being now the main concern among media advocates and practitioners. Few comments on the ATI were highlighted in the media as the cyber security debate ensued.

The print media in the quarter under review allocated enough space in their print to publish information likely to affect the operations of the media. Among them include the follow up on the cyber security bills proposed by government, harassment and assault of journalists as well as stories on the progress made on the Access to Information bill following the opening of parliament during the first quarter of the year.

Efforts to diligently allow for all views and voices in the media continue despite threats on the private media by cadres and government officials to reduce their criticism of government. In the period under review, papers that published stories related to the media which were monitored in relation to the State of the Media were, specifically the *Times of Zambia*, *Zambia Daily Mail*, *The Mast Newspaper*, *News Diggers* and *the Daily Nation*.

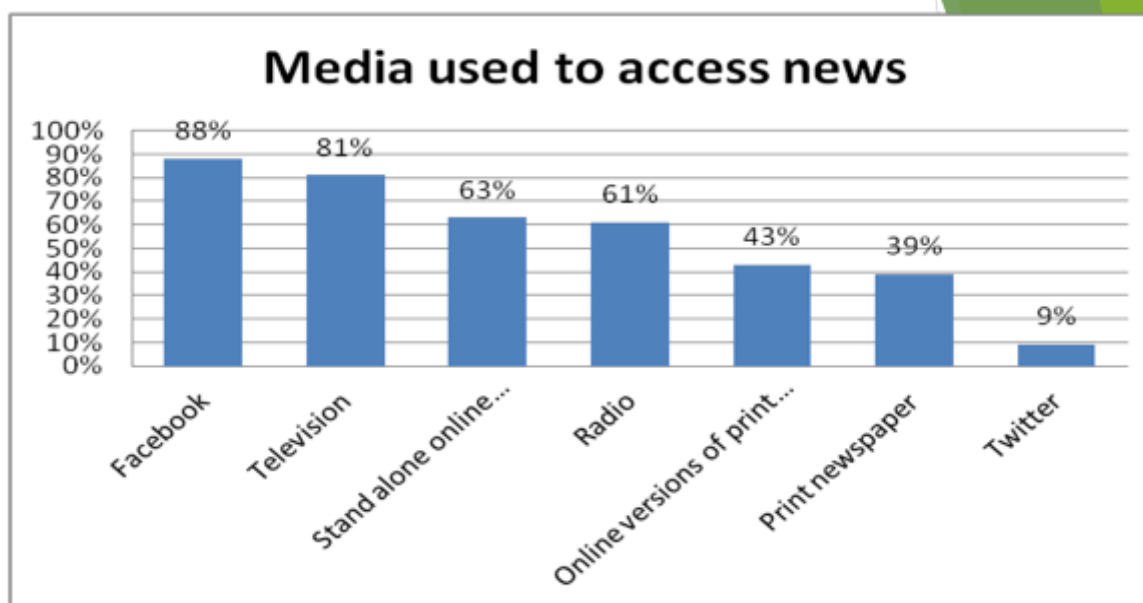
During the period, incidents of harassment of media practitioners and media houses increased compared to the second quarter – April to June. Cadres and police officers harassed and in some cases assaulted journalists while executing their duty. The fact that media practitioners were nonetheless harassed, worse still, at the hands of the Zambia Police, was in itself bad as they should be protecting media practitioners. There is dire need to address and find a lasting solution that ensures safety and peaceful working environment for the media practitioners and media houses.

### **4.0 Findings - Overview**

During the second quarter of the year (2018) a study was conducted to establish the media mostly used to access news in Lusaka province. The findings showed that Facebook (FB) commanded the highest reach among the respondents, with 88% of the respondents accessing it, followed by television (81%), stand-alone online newspapers (63%), radio (61%) and online versions of print newspapers at 43%. Print newspapers were accessed by 39% and Twitter had the least access with only 9% of the respondents accessing it. The study established that stand-alone online newspapers were the third most accessed media type by Zambian audiences, accessed by 63% (335)<sup>1</sup> of the respondents, surpassed only by FB (another platform from the “New Media” group) and television (Mbozi, forthcoming).

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<sup>1</sup> 335 is the number of respondents who progressed to the second part of the interview, specifically focused on their experience with, and assessment of, Zambian stand-alone online newspapers.



**Figure 1:** Comparison of Access between Online Newspapers and other Mass Media (*Compiled by Parkie Mbozi*)

#### 4.1 Policy and Statutory Framework

The second quarter of 2018 started with a tense debate following the pronouncement of the proposed cyber security bills. The three Bills are: (i) Cyber Security and Cybercrimes Bill of 2018, (ii) Data Protection Bill, and (iii) Electronic Commerce and Transactions Bill of 2018. This period had many media advocates including civil society organisations and opposition political parties and members of the public express concern on the proposed bills. According to the government, the bills are set to regulate the use of social media, stating that there has been abuse of social media by members of the public. On 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, the *Zambia Daily Mail* cited Minister of Transport and Communications, Brian Mushimba announcing government plans to enact cyber security bills<sup>2</sup>. Further the minister announced that the three bills were ready for approval<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> *Zambia Daily Mail* - Cyber Security Bills on Course for Enactment – 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

<sup>3</sup> *News Diggers* - Social Media Regulation Bill Ready For Approval-Minister – 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2018



*Three bills to enhance cyber security and curb abuse of social media are expected to be tabled in the next sitting of parliament.*

*Minister of Transport and Communication Brian Mushimba said in an interview yesterday that the cyber security and cybercrime data protection and e-commerce bills will soon be discussed by Cabinet before they are taken to parliament.*

*“The bills, which were initially segregated into five, have been revised to three and they are going to Cabinet now,” Mr. Mushimba said.*

*The Minister is hopeful that the bills will be presented to parliament in June this year.*

This pronouncement was criticised by different stakeholders for its potential to suppress freedom of expression on the Internet. Opposition political parties, media advocates and practitioners among others have been asked to seek audience with government to check the contents of the bills to ensure they do not prohibit freedom of expression.

On 13<sup>th</sup> April, People's Alliance for Change (PAC) President Andyford Banda told *News Diggers* that the real motive for the introduction of cyber security bills by the PF government was to curtail divergent views and not to curb cyber bullying<sup>4</sup>. Banda contends that the three crafted bills had nothing to do with curbing cyber bullying or any abuse of social media because the party (Patriotic Front) had already demonstrated that it never tolerated those who held different views.

*“So as PAC, we condemn all these regulations until the PF can demonstrate that they can tolerate divergent views. And if you look for example of Pilato, Pilato is there holding divergent views and imagine those posts (on Facebook) that he puts on social media, to the PF that would be called cyber bullying or something like that.... Am sure in that bill which is hidden somewhere, they have already put something to curtail such posts. So we condemn that. And if they want to implement anything, they need to make sure that other stakeholders are involved because we*

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<sup>4</sup> *News Diggers* - Social Media Regulation Meant to Curtail Divergent Views – PAC – 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

*are all stakeholders. There is no way that a group of people with selfish interests can come up with a bill just to protect their interests. So we condemn that,” said Banda.*

Earlier, University of Zambia Lecturer in the school of law was cited by *News Diggers*<sup>5</sup> challenging the proposed cyber security bills stating that there was no need to have bills regulating social media adding that the media in Zambia was heavily regulated.

*University of Zambia Lecturer in the School of Law Sangwani Patrick Ng’ambi says banning social media should not be an option because the country already has adequate laws regulating freedom of expression.*

*In an article titled ‘Social Media and Freedom of Expression in Zambia’ presented at the LAZ AGM last week, Ng’ambi also noted that freedom of speech was inextricably linked to freedom of the press.*

However, government insisted that the cyber security bills would not clamp down social media, adding that they were aimed at safe usage of social media by the public. On 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2018, government spokesperson Dora Siliya claimed that cyber bullying had increased thus the need to enact laws to regulate the cyber space<sup>6</sup>.

Below is an extract from *News Diggers*:

*“Information Minister Dora Siliya says Zambians should not panic because there is nowhere in the Internet Regulation Bill where it states that government intends to close down social media platforms in Zambia but the bill only emphasizes responsible use of electronic platforms.*

*Speaking during her weekly media briefing, Monday, Siliya said the three proposed Internet regulation bills would ensure and guarantee safety and defence from cyber-attacks as well as minimise vulnerabilities.*

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<sup>5</sup> *News Diggers* - Freedom Of Expression Is Heavily Regulated In Zambia, No Need To Ban Social Media – Lawyer – 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

<sup>6</sup> *News Diggers* - Internet Regulation Laws Will Not Clamp Down On Social Media-Dora – 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

*She noted that cyber bullying was becoming common in Zambia hence the need to regulate the use of internet.*

*“The Ministry of Transport and Communications (MTC) has proposed to sponsor three Bills in parliament that will repeal and replace the Electronic Communications and Transactions (ECT) Act No.21 of 2009.... Nowhere in the bill is government intending to close social media platforms in Zambia, but emphasises responsible use of electronic platforms. Some of the notable effects of the enactment of the bills include; the creation of a Zambia Cyber Security Agency which will ensure and guarantee safety and defence from cyber-attacks and minimize vulnerability; the protection of Zambia’s critical infrastructure from numerous threats will ensure continuous economic development of the country; improved responsibility use of the available electronic platforms by the business community and the general citizenry; and increased cyber security posture.”*

Another issue that stirred debate on media freedom in the second quarter (April – June) is that of regulation of WhatsApp. ZICTA Director of Support Services Chisala Mofya on 30<sup>th</sup> May while featuring on ZNBC’s Open Line program announced that WhatsApp administrators would soon be required to register their groups<sup>7</sup>. He said:-

*“We are coming up with a law where now every administrator must be registered so that he can put ethics or codes of conduct for anyone who is going to be on that blog because at the end of the day, we are going to arrest that person who created the WhatsApp group or the editor or coordinator of the blog and that should not be the end game,” said Chisala.*

Although the ZICTA Director General, Patrick Mutimushi refuted the threats to regulate WhatsApp, the prospects of regulating WhatsApp chats irate the public.

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<sup>7</sup> *The Mast Newspaper* - Govt wants to protect its ‘nonsense’ using social media regulation, says Laura Miti – 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2018

*The Mast Newspaper* of 1<sup>st</sup> June, ran an article, “*ZICTA angers WhatsApp users over threats on group admins,*”<sup>8</sup> in which the public expressed displeasure stating that WhatsApp was a private communication platform.

Reacting to the threats, Radio and TV personality Michael Ndhlovu described the demand by ZICTA as outrageous. Mr. Ndhlovu protested against the idea of snooping in citizens’ private affairs labeling the act as tyrannical and a ploy to have the citizens live in fear of an invisible hand.

“This is unacceptable and against the human rights. This is a total tyrannical state of affairs this country is slipping into and it’s sad to live in fear in our own country just because an invisible hand is scared of the unknown in WhatsApp groups. At the time when the world is fully matured into a global village through ICTs, Zambia through ZICTA is being drawn away from the reality of things on the ground. First ZICTA must acknowledge that groups of WhatsApp are a private matter hence joining being through admins. The creators of WhatsApp application made this seamless communication tool so people can come up with communities among them and discuss their matters,” Ndhlovu said.

According to a story published by *The Mast Newspaper* on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2018, Alliance for Community Action Executive Director Laura Miti said government wanted to regulate private use of social media because they want to protect their “nonsense”<sup>9</sup>.

*“The only reason government would want to regulate private use of social media is because citizens are using it effectively, to keep each other informed about the excesses of those in power. They don’t want us to know; don’t want us to ask questions. They want to be able to go off to New York and jump on a cruise using our money, get multi-million dollar gifts in foreign countries, inflate tenders, push violence and hatred – they want to do all that and those who find out should not be able to let others know,” Miti stated.*

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<sup>8</sup> *The Mast Newspaper* – ZICTA angers WhatsApp users over threats on group admins – 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2018

<sup>9</sup> *The Mast Newspaper* - Govt wants to protect its ‘nonsense’ using social media regulation, says Laura Miti – 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2018

*“So government only wants to regulate the use of social media to protect their nonsense. They want to destroy this country without disturbance from citizens. We are irritating them; making noise in their ears while they are eating. Just think of what they will be able to get away with if we allow them to pass self-interested cyber laws. #ItsOurCountry.”*

MISA Zambia however, advised government to engage relevant stakeholders before enacting certain bills. On 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2018, MISA Vice Chairperson Hyde Haguta charged that regulating the cyber space was limiting people’s freedom<sup>10</sup>.

*“So, when we begin to bring in the issues of controlling and regulating the cyber space, we are limiting people’s freedoms. We do appreciate that any government world over enjoys the right to make laws through its legislative body, Parliament. But in making those laws, they are only doing so on behalf of citizens and the citizens of that country have the right to actually point at what is right and what is wrong. After all, it is citizens that elect people to go to parliament to make decisions.”*

*“We (journalists) can take that word that we should not worry about them (laws to regulate online media). But we still appeal that in coming up with those laws, such laws should not shrink or restrict further the online space and people’s freedom. The online space is the most available space for every citizen in this country,” said Haguta.*

### **Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA)**

During the period under review, the IBA was heard of twice at the most in the news. The first was when Copperbelt Permanent Secretary Bright Nundwe asked IBA to close down media houses that covered the President in negative light. On 15<sup>th</sup> June, the story was published by *News Diggers*<sup>11</sup> and *The Mast Newspaper*<sup>12</sup>.

<sup>10</sup> Mast – MISA cautions govt on cyber laws – 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2018

<sup>11</sup> *The Mast Newspaper* - C/Belt PS advocates closure of Private TV, radio stations that misbehave - 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

<sup>12</sup> *News Diggers*- Ban TV, Radio Stations that do not cover Lungu well, Nundwe tells IBA – 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

It was during this period that the Permanent Secretary asked if the IBA had authority to see how ZNBC conducts itself and whether it was firm or not on the national broadcaster. Independent Broadcasting Authority Director General, Josephine Mapoma in response said IBA was encouraging ZNBC to be professional by balancing its stories.

*“We invite ZNBC when we find them wanting. They are trying to balance up. They should be setting the pace and give us the content, the other media will follow. We are trying to tell ZNBC to balance. Because of competition, if their content is not okay, people will go to other TV stations. I think the other television stations might be doing better, so we encourage them to be professional,” said Ms. Mapoma.*

The other time IBA was heard of in the news was when the authority was warning TV and radio station over the content they broadcast. IBA Director of Standards, Licencing and Compliance Eustace Nkandu said:

*“Broadcasters must ensure that their content, whether in form of language or video footage, did not corrupt the morals of young people.*

*Mr Nkandu said it was sad sometimes to hear of certain Disc Jockeys (DJs) playing songs which contained vulgar language or a particular language which was not supposed to be communicated to children or minors.*

*Mr Nkandu in an interview urged TV and radio stations to be responsible in their broadcasting because their information reach diverse listeners and viewers including the younger ones.*

### **Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation (ZNBC)**

In the period under review, ZNBC was mentioned thrice in the media with regards to its operations. The first was on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 when *News Diggers* published a story that, “enquiry shows that government is collecting double TV levy.”<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> *News Diggers* - Enquiry Shows That Govt is Collecting Double TV Levy – 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

On 1<sup>st</sup> April, it was announced that ZESCO had stopped collecting TV levy on behalf of ZNBC. However, ZESCO said ZNBC did not communicate that the power utility company had to stop collecting the levy on its behalf. *News Diggers* reported that:-

*“ZESCO spokesperson Henry Kapata says the utility continued to collect TV levy after April 1, because there had been no communication from ZNBC instructing them to stop. He added that ZESCO management was in talks with the national service broadcaster to resolve the matter.*

“We were supposed to be receiving a letter either yesterday or today. All I can say is that there is a memorandum of understanding between ZESCO and ZNBC and all the money we have been collecting goes to ZNBC. When we started this partnership there was an official correspondence to us as ZESCO. And so we have been having chats with them to resolve this issue. We are simply an agent of ZNBC, we will delete ourselves from collecting that money,” said Kapata.

“Your question is why have you continued collecting after April 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 and my answer is that there was some memorandum of understanding between two institutions and since the Minister has made that pronouncement very clear, it means that ZNBC should be on the way with that correspondence. Infact, you can do well to also call ZNBC to ask”.

On 16<sup>th</sup> April, ZNBC suspended an editor and reporter on grounds on a wrong picture caption. ZNBC aired a news clip in which Botswana President was speaking with a caption reading “Botswana of President”<sup>14</sup>.

*The Zambia Broadcasting Corporation (ZNBC) has suspended its sub-editor Barbara Malilwe and reporter Mark Ziligone for allegedly putting wrong captions on a news story featuring Botswana’s President Mokogweetsi Masisi.*

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<sup>14</sup> *News Diggers* - ZNBC Suspends Subeditor, Reporter Over Wrong Picture Captions – 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

*Zambia Union of Broadcasters and Information Disseminators Secretary general Andrew Mpandamwike confirmed the development to News Diggers in an interview.*

*It is not clear whether the two captions circulated on social media were the reasons for their suspension, as Public Relations Officer Yvette Chanda, when contacted, expressed ignorance over the matter.*

*Just over a month ago, ZNBC showed a news clip of United Nations Resident Coordinator Janet Rogan with a caption “Inonge Wina, Vice president”, forcing netizens to mock the national broadcaster that the Vice-president had changed complexion.*

Other mentions of ZNBC in the media were with regards to IBA regulation of ZNBC.

### **4.2 Economic and technological environment**

#### **4.2.1 Increased usage of social media for wide reach**

Digital convergence has continued to increase. Due to developments in computing and other information technologies, media institutions are now able to distribute media content across different platforms. ZNBC happened to be a bigger player through live streaming of various programmes including its main news bulletins. Following the introduction of Facebook live, many other media institutions such as Hot FM Zambia incorporated Facebook Live and the Mingletainment app to broadcast programs with a wider audience using the internet. In some cases, news was read on radio while being streamed live on its Facebook page<sup>15</sup>. This is a trend which is being adopted by different individuals and organisations, even political parties hoping to communicate with audiences in real time. For example MISA Zambia usually conducts live streaming of public discussion and events. This improvement in technology has allowed for increased interaction with the audience as the audience in most cases prefers watching a video rather than just listening to audio.

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<sup>15</sup> Hot FM Zambia Facebook Page – News at 18hrs with Lungowe Simbotwe – 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 at 18:01



#### 4.2.2. Increasing usage of drone cameras

The Zambia Civil Aviation Authority regulates the operations of drones in the country. Despite the laws being strict on drone usage in the country, a number of media practitioners, especially those in film and photography have purchased drone cameras to enable them to capture aerial video shots. The increase in the number of drone cameras however can be attributed to improving quality and falling prices of civilian drones. At the moment anyone with basic skills can equip themselves with a civilian drone. Consumer drones are relatively cheap, precise, and easy to operate from strategic places and equipped with cameras that can pan, tilt and capture.

The Zambia Civil Aviation Authority <sup>16</sup> should work on regulations which will accommodate different players including the media to easily operate drones for the purposes of gathering and disseminating news and information.

#### 4.3 Legal and political environment

The media in the quarter under review (April – June) had few legal cases, though an increase in the number of political cases threatening media freedom. Cases of harassment and in some instances assaults on journalists increased than in the previous quarter. The following are the cases that occurred in the second quarter of 2018 relating to media freedom.

##### 4.3.1 Legal

In this quarter, 12 radio stations had their broadcasting licenses suspended for allegedly failing to pay license fees. The IBA also revoked a license for a television station for failing to start operations.

In a story published by Zambia Daily Mail, the 12 radio stations were being urged to observe the laws that govern media operations in the country<sup>17</sup>.

*Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) has urged media houses to adhere to laws that guide their operations to avoid being inconvenienced with suspensions.*

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<sup>16</sup> Drone Traveler – Drone laws in Zambia – 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, accessed from <https://drone-traveller.com/drone-laws-zambia/>

<sup>17</sup> Zambia Daily Mail – Stick to Laws, MISa advises Media – 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.

*MISA Zambia Chairperson Helen Mwale said in an interview yesterday that paying for license fees is a requirement for media houses to operate.*

*She said press freedom comes with a responsibility which calls for adherence to the set rules and regulations.*

*“What IBA did was in line with the law. It is not new media houses need to be responsible and ensure that they pay license fees and adhere to the conditions upon which a license is used,” she said.*

*Ms. Mwale lamented that some commercial radio stations owe government as far as 2014, a situation which negatively affect IBA’s operations.*

Apart from license suspension, one legal case was reported. MMD National Secretary Raphael Nakachinda sued Prime TV for calling him a thief. A story published by *News Diggers* on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2018, Nakachinda sued Prime TV’s Managing Director Akakulubelwa Akakulubelwa, Prime TV’s proprietor Gerald Shawa and Kalani Muchima<sup>18</sup>. The story read as follows – in part:-

*National Secretary of the Felix Mutati-led MMD Raphael Nakachinda has commenced legal proceedings against Prime Television and its reporter Kalani Muchima for calling him a thief.*

*On April 2, 2018, Nakachinda was invited on Prime TV’s ‘Oxygen of Democracy’, and during the interview Kalani brought up an issue of a Kabwe woman named Martha Mumba who accused Nakachinda of duping her in 2006.*

*Kalani played a video in which Martha alleged that Nakachinda had failed to deliver a lorry despite getting K47, 000 from her to purchase the vehicle. But Nakachinda said it was unfair to be grilled on a matter, which he was not informed about before coming to the programme.*

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<sup>18</sup> *News Diggers* – Nakachinda sues Prime TV for branding him a thief – 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2018

*Nakachinda, who said he was acquitted upon appeal in the matter, charged that the interview was a well-calculated plan to dent his image. But Kalani insisted on his line of questioning and outrightly called Nakachinda a thief.*

*According to a statement of claim filed in the Lusaka High Court, Wednesday, Nakachinda is claiming for damages from the private television station.*

*Nakachinda stated that Prime TV had disregarded his demands of paying him K5,000,000 as compensation for damages and had also not apologized as requested.*

#### **4.3.2 Harassment, threats and assaults**

The second quarter had about three (3) cases of harassments/assault and a number of threats. Threats were issued by some government officials and cadres to the private media journalists. The following are some of the cases:

##### **4.3.2.1 Assaults and attacks**

The quarter under review saw a number of journalists assaulted by cadres and in some instances by police officer who should be protecting the journalists. On 8<sup>th</sup> May, *New Vision* reported that Prime TV journalist was attacked by PF cadres while on duty<sup>19</sup>.

*“...Prime TV journalist is battling for his life in hospital after being harassed by the alleged Patriotic Front carders in Chilanga while executing his duties of informing the nation.*

*Comrade Muchima was humiliated, physically assaulted and embarrassed by the alleged well known PF carders like a common criminal.*

*The whole fiasco happened in Chilanga district on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2018 during the filling in of nominations for candidates vying for the Chilanga constituency seat. The assault of comrade Muchima is extremely disturbing and barbaric and a direct assault on the media fraternity in this country.”*

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<sup>19</sup> New Vision and Kalani’s Facebook page – Harassment of Prime TV journalist – Kalani Muchima – 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

Following the Chilanga by-elections that took place on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2018. *News Diggers* and *The Mast Newspaper* on 6<sup>th</sup> June published stories, *journalist narrates horrific experience on duty*<sup>20</sup> and *Cadres attack journalists in Chilanga*<sup>21</sup>. The report was on the attack some journalists found themselves in while on duty in Chilanga. The report indicated that suspected UPND cadres attacked the journalists suggesting they were behind the loss during the elections.

*The Mast Newspaper* reported that:-

*“Suspected UPND cadres last night attacked seven journalists from various media houses as they were heading to the totaling centre of the Chilanga by-election.*

*The journalists from **The Mast Newspaper**, **News Diggers**, **Radio Phoenix** and **Prime Television** were attacked about five minutes after midnight, forcing them to abandon their vehicle and scampered for safety at Munda Wanga Botanical Gardens and nearby shops.*

*As they crew drove passed Munda Wanga from the southern direction, two Toyota Land cruisers laden with belligerent cadres approached from the northern direction and blocked **The Mast Newspaper** driver, Peter Lungu, from proceeding.*

*The cadres demanded identification from the traumatised journalists but even after being shown ZANIS press cards, the cadres started smashing the vehicle’s windows using an assortment of weapons.*

*They asked why the reporters were moving in a group.*

*“Baf\*la you are the people stealing our votes; Show us your (party) symbol! Why muyenda muma group? Bring your phones; who are you calling? Ndimwe bopusa baf\*la,” the cadres said.*

<sup>20</sup> *News Diggers* – Journalist narrates horrific experience on duty, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

<sup>21</sup> *The Mast Newspaper* – Cadres attack journalists in Chilanga, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

*As all the horror was unfolding, the journalists helplessly and silently crammed themselves within the vehicle.*

*The cadres then smashed the rear windshield and right passenger window of **The Mast Newspaper** Nissan Patrol, forcing Mast reporter Oliver Chisenga to jump out of the front seat and run for safety in the nearby grassy vicinity.*

*As they pulled Lungu out of the vehicle, one of them took the wheel attempting to start the car while others searched and ransacked it. However, the cadre, who had grabbed the car keys from Lungu, failed to start it and others were heard taunting that self-imposed ‘driver’ to use ingenuity to drive off with journalists on board.*

*“Iwe vitenge (get them); start the car, we will go with them,” said one of the cadres.*

*Others countered, saying: “Let us just shoot at them.”*

Following the attack on journalists, MISA Zambia<sup>22</sup>, and the PF<sup>23</sup> condemned the attack. MISA Zambia further highlighted other instances when journalists were harassed and threatened.

*We are concerned with the floods of reports of journalists’ lives being threatened by political party supporters, intimidation from a traditional leader and from the Office of the President.*

*According to reports we have monitored, Luapula Community Radio has been receiving demands for copies of its programmes incessantly from the office of the President Special Division.*

*At the same time, a named traditional leader who was publicly campaigning for a certain political party in 2016 has continued to intimidate sections of his community and media workers whom he perceives to be against the political party of his preference.*

<sup>22</sup> *News Diggers* – MISA condemns attack on journalists, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

<sup>23</sup> *Zambia Daily Mail* – PF condemn attack on journalists, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

*We are further worried with reports that indicate that a journalist from Muvi TV Oscar Phiri was harassed in Chiengi by suspected Patriotic Front party supporters on 4 June 2018 in the same area.*

#### **4.3.2.2. Harassment**

On 1<sup>st</sup> June, MISA was copied in a letter addressed to the Zambia Police<sup>24</sup>, Chingola Commanding Officer where iWAVE radio was complaining over the manner in which armed officers harassed the members of staff at the radio station.

The letter read in part:-

*I wish to officially complain over the manner in which your armed officers came and harassed me and my members of staff over unverified reports that iWAVE Radio aired a News item saying C4 (Victor Phiri) the man allegedly accused of committing a spate of crimes in Chingola had disappeared from custody.*

*As I write to you, we are all in a very traumatic state over the whole scenario. What is even more traumatising is the fact that the more than ten (10) armed officers came with so much force when the Radio station **did not** at any time air that kind of News item.*

Another harassment case heard of is that of ABN TV journalist on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2018. Jubilee Malambo reported in the MISA Zambia Media Violation Alert Group<sup>25</sup>, via WhatsApp, that he was harassed and badly beaten by some alleged Immigration and Zambia Police Officers in Lusaka. Information from the group was as follows:-

*Malambo said on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 25, 2018 around 22:00 hours, a combined team of Zambia Police and Immigration officers pounced on him and beat him after they saw him filming them as they were conducting an operation to nab some illegal immigrants from Casino's along Kafue road.*

<sup>24</sup> iWAVE – Letter to the Commanding Officer: Ref: Complaint Over Harassment By Your Armed Officers – 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2018

<sup>25</sup> MISA Zambia Media Violation Alert - ABN TV Journalist Jubilee Malambo Harassed – 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2018

*Malambo said he was coming from Kafue when he came across a group of Zambia Police and Immigration officers at Embassy Mall parading some Chinese nationals from casinos along Kafue road. He later attempted to film the incidence which then attracted some attention from the alleged officers and where forced to beat him for filming them without their consent.*

*He added that despite efforts of explaining to them that he was a journalist, officers dragged him into their car and took him to the immigration office where he was held for 4hours before releasing him.*

#### **4.3.2.3 Threats**

The bigger threat that came very evident during the second quarter of the year was that of Copperbelt Province Permanent Secretary Bright Nundwe directing IBA to shut down media houses that did not give good coverage to the president. *The Mast Newspaper*<sup>26</sup> and *News Diggers*<sup>27</sup> on 15<sup>th</sup> June published stories citing Nundwe asking the IBA to be firm on media houses that were reporting negative news against government.

*In this report Copperbelt Permanent Secretary Bright Nundwe has asked the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) to close down television and radio stations that do not give President Edgar Lungu good coverage.*

*Nundwe then encouraged the regulatory authority to show its teeth to media organisations that were reporting negative news against the government.*

*“Be firm on TV and radio stations that do not cover the President fairly or well. On the copperbelt, we want ethical reporting. Don’t be toothless on people that are unethical, pounce on them please. We see a lot of radio stations, TV and other media coming up as we go to 2021 elections.”*

*“We can’t afford to only have ZNBC and ZINIS only. Even the private media are creating employment for the people. But if they misbehave, don’t just suspend for*

<sup>26</sup> *The Mast Newspaper* - C/Belt PS advocates closure of Private TV, radio stations that misbehave -15<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

<sup>27</sup> *News Diggers* - Ban TV, Radio Stations that do not cover Lungu well, Nundwe tells IBA - 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

*three months, but better for one year and withdraw their equipment and keep it somewhere. Pounce on them those that misbehave," emphasized Nundwe.*

Other cases of threats on the media, included calls on sources being asked to apologise<sup>28</sup> for criticizing the president. The *Zambian Watchdog* was said to have misconstrued the British High Commissioner's tweet. Following the concern by the British High Commissioner's concern, Foreign Affairs Minister Joe Malanji noted that once the cyber security bill became law, some media houses will be clamped down.

*News Diggers* and *Smart Eagles* on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, reported that British High Commissioner to Zambia Fergus Cochrane-Dyett said it was unfortunate that the *Zambian Watchdog* misconstrued his tweets to drive a wedge between Britain and the Zambian government<sup>29</sup>.

*Meanwhile, Foreign Affairs Minister Joe Malanji has warned that some social media pages will be clamped down once the cyber bills are passed as law.*

*Briefing the press after a closed door meeting this afternoon, High Commissioner Cochrane-Dyett insisted that corruption was a matter of concern in Zambia when he was asked whether everything he tweeted about was misconstrued.*

*"It is important to look at what I said in these tweets rather than look at what others have said I said. Actually look at my Twitter feed and you will see for yourselves what I said. But I do express concern about corruption, of course I do, it is very important. The British taxpayer is investing money in development in Zambia, it would be a very serious matter if some of that money was misappropriated. And investors, they need confidence to invest in Zambia and there is a corruption problem in this country and it is quite serious. And the information which the minister has shared with me just now is very reassuring and is very welcome," High Commissioner Cochrane-Dyett said.*

<sup>28</sup> My ZNBC Facebook page – PF demands apology from ‘Dorcas’ – 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

<sup>29</sup> *News Diggers* and *Smart Eagles* - Zambia watchdog misconstrued British High Commissioner's tweets -22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2018



#### 4.3.2.4 Stopped from going on air

In the second quarter, Mansa Police stopped NDC leader Chishimba Kambwili from holding a radio program. *The Mast Newspaper* on 14<sup>th</sup> April, reported police in Mansa picked up Chishimba Kambwili from KFM radio where he was having a programme<sup>30</sup>. The added that;

*As Kambwili was on air, some police officers arrived with a note to stop the programme but he resisted.*

*The officers then stormed the studio, ordering that the programme be halted.*

*“Why should you be following us, ba police fumeni muno (get out of here)? We are discussing issues affecting the Zambian people, get out of here, get out of here,” Kambwili told the officers.*

*Kambwili then left the studio while telling off the officers over why they were following him everywhere he goes.*

*However, the officers told the former information minister that he would never be allowed to hold radio programmes in the province.*

#### 4.3.2.5 Media under heavy censorship

The media in this period was heavily monitored than in the first quarter of 2018. This was evidenced by criticism and calls to ban or shut down media houses that did not cover the ruling government and the President in good light. On 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2018, *The Mast Newspaper* reported that government spokesperson Dora Siliya said that the private media, has opted to be the official opposition of the government<sup>31</sup>. She accused the media of siding with the opposition following criticism that the media offers to the government.

Ms. Siliya observed that:-

<sup>30</sup> *The Mast Newspaper* - Mansa Police Stop Kambwili From Holding Radio Programmes – 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

<sup>31</sup> *The Mast Newspaper* – Siliya accuses private media of being govt’s official opposition – 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.

*“The media is the people’s voice and government wields power on behalf of the people and the media wield power also on behalf of the people. So, the media and government want the same thing. But what usually happens is that the media in Zambia, especially private media, has decided that they will be official opposition of government,” Siliya said.*

*“When government is found wanting, provide (media) the checks and balances but also when the media is found wanting, there must be checks and balances to protect the citizens and their government. There is legislation in the country but we are saying the legislation is not adequate now, that’s why the Minister of Transport and Communication is talking about cyber legislation in terms of cyber-crimes and the security in terms of electronic transactions and in terms of data protection,” explained Siliya.*

Police in the second quarter of 2018 interfered more with media operations. Apart from cases where Zambia police interfered in a live broadcast, they also asked for footage from Prime TV following an interview in which an opposition political party featured. On 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2018, *The Mast Newspaper* reported that the Police in Lusaka had written to Prime Television to release footage in which Fresher Siwale allegedly defamed President Edgar Lungu<sup>32</sup>.

*But Prime Television managing director Gerald Shawa says the station will not release any footage to the police until they produce a court order.*

*New Labour Party president Siwale was last month (May, 2018) granted K10,000 bail after he pleaded not guilty of defaming President Lungu. Siwale, 57, of Chelstone, is alleged to have on April 22, in Lusaka, with intent to bring the name of the President into ridicule, published defamatory matter by word of mouth to which he said “The President of the Republic of Zambia is not the actual Edgar Chagwa Lungu but Jonathan Mutawale, he must be arrested for having three National Registration Cards, he is an identity thief”.*

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<sup>32</sup> *The Mast Newspaper* - Police asks Prime TV for footage of Siwale interview – 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2018

*In an interview yesterday, Siwale said it was unfortunate that government was still following him around.*

*“They are following me; writing letters everywhere. Yesterday (Thursday) they wrote a letter to Prime TV asking for footage for my speech. It’s harassment [after being released from prison] because I cannot be arrested twice for the same offence. I cannot defame him (President Edgar Lungu) any further that is if he has a character that I can defame. A person who steals from the dead cannot have a character that can be defamed,” Siwale said.*

*But when contacted for a comment, Shawa wondered why Prime TV had been picked to release Siwale’s footage.*

Concerns by the Parliamentary Committee on Media, Information and Communication Technologies were raised stating that the new media had brought on board false and untraceable news disseminators who could not be held accountable for their misdeeds<sup>33</sup>. This concern according to the committee suggested that there was need to put in place laws that could regulate the media.

*“Challenges of media convergence include cyberspace crime, infringement of privacy and threats on information protection. In addition, the new media era had brought on board disseminators of news of unknown identities and no known fixed abode who could, therefore, not be held accountable for abrogating journalism tenets by anyone. In Zambia, the media landscape had been taken by storm by explosion in digital technology or new technologies. This had affected the way journalists gathered and disseminated information on one hand and how the public consumed information, on the other. The power to communicate on a mass scale no longer rested solely in the hands of the elite who had the capacity to establish and operate electronic and print media houses, which had previously been a natural barrier to participation by the general public. Currently, anyone with access to the internet could create and share or edit theirs or another*

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<sup>33</sup> *News Diggers* - Untraceable news publishers worry parliamentary committee – 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

*person's content. The advent of mobile phones, internet access, and digital cameras allowed citizens to engage in public debate at unprecedented levels," the committee observed.*

#### **4.4 Towards enactment of Access to Information Bill**

In the second quarter (April – June), the debate on the ATI was overshadowed by the intensity of the debate and caused by the proposed cyber security bills which were to be tabled in the next sitting of parliament. In the said period, *The Mast Newspaper* on 29<sup>th</sup> May, cited JCTR Programs Officer Lloyd Bwalya who observed that Zambia would be more progressed if the ATI bill became law.

It was observed further by a media expert that the delay in enacting the ATI bill to law was because politicians were afraid that the media will expose their hidden vices<sup>34</sup>.

*And media expert Sally Chiwama says politicians in the country are pushing the agenda not to enact the Access to Information Bill into law for fear that media will expose more hidden vices. In an interview after a consultative forum on the ATI Bill at Luangwa House on Friday, Bwalya said there was need to get the consensus of the people on the Bill.*

*He said people needed to know what Access to Information Bill was all about and the importance to enact it into law. Bwalya disclosed that if the bill was enacted into law, Zambia would be progressive as people would hold their leaders accountable.*

*"Knowledge is power and if citizens are knowledgeable, they will make informed decisions that will feed into the development agenda of the nation," he said.*

*"Those pushing the agenda not to enact the bill have their reasons not to do so as the notion that media will abuse the law by having more power is not true as the*

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<sup>34</sup> *The Mast Newspaper* - Politicians afraid of ATI law – Chiwama – 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

*major beneficiary of this much advocated bill will be the ordinary citizens,”  
Chiwama said.*

Apart from the comments made by the media expert and JCTR, MISA engagement meetings with various stakeholders to make progress towards enacting the ATI bill.

#### **4.5 Media ethics**

During the period under review need for the media practitioners to adhere to professional ethics remained a concern. The concern was observed when certain media houses had their licenses suspended. Further, the media were advised to adhere to media ethics and laws when executing their duties.

#### **4.6 Review of Burning issues**

##### **4.6.1 Announced Journalists dress code**

During this quarter, on 28<sup>th</sup> May, government issued a memo outlining the dress of journalists when covering events also stating how the photographers should behave when covering such functions<sup>35</sup>. The memo was received with mixed feelings even among media practitioners and representatives. *News Diggers* reported a division in the media circles with the contention that the move was being used by government to deter journalists to cover news.

*In a memo dated May 18, 2018, and addressed to ZANIS, ZNBC, Zambia Daily Mail, Times of Zambia, and NAIS, acting Permanent Secretary, Beaton Kaluba, announced that no journalist dressed informally or inappropriately would be allowed to cover state functions.*

*Kaluba also stated that photographers and cameramen would only be required to stand on a provided-for raised platform at the airport when doing their work.*

*“I write to inform you that all journalists will with immediate effect be required to dress appropriately during state functions. I therefore urge you to ensure that all members of staff are formally and appropriately dressed. It has been decided that*

<sup>35</sup> *News Diggers* – Journalists divided over govt imposed dress code – 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.

*appropriate attire should either be dark suits and ties, national dress or any other formal attire when covering state functions. Any journalist clad in jeans, slacks, tights, minis, topless attires or any attire inappropriate for the function will be turned away by security,” Kaluba stated in the memo.*

*Press Association of Zambia president Andrew Sakala says government should not use dress code restriction for journalists as a deterrence to cover news.*

*Sakala told News Diggers! in an interview that the new dress code rules set for all journalists covering state functions and the President at the airport are strange because the rationale behind it could not be understood.*

*“I don’t think there should be a specific type of dress, but what should be there is that people should be decently dressed. As a person reporting, I think a person should be decently-dressed, according to what is acceptable by a news organisation. And I don’t see how that should affect coverage of the news sources. So, if they restrict on the dress code, that’s very strange.” Sakala said.*

*But Zambia Union of Broadcasters and other Information Disseminators (ZUBID) secretary general Andrew Mpandamwike described government’s decision as “progressive.”*

*He said it was important that journalists were “smartly” dressed when covering state functions.*

### **4.6.2. MISA Engagement Meetings towards improved Media Freedom**

During the second quarter, MISA Zambia continued pressing issues of media freedom and media practitioners’ safety. Following increased harassment and attack on Journalists, the MISA wrote letters to seek audience with key government department and those in authority to find amicable ways of resolving them.

Letters to the Ministry of Justice to seek clarity on the content of the Cyber Security proposed bills and the progress on the ATI. MISA however did not have an audience with the minister in the second quarter.

In looking at the safety of journalists, MISA also wrote to the Zambia Police to find a way to have journalists protected by the police unlike cases where the police would beat up journalists in some cases.<sup>36</sup>

On 18<sup>th</sup> June, MISA had an engagement meeting<sup>37</sup> with ZUBID secretary general Andrew Mpandamwike on the state of ZNBC regulation. Following the meeting it was observed that:-

*“Currently there are no laws that can be used by the public and parliamentarians to question certain decisions but people can sue ZNBC based on what is enshrined in the ZNBC Act. People are ignorant about the way the ZNBC Act is crafted. For example, the DG is answerable to parliament because he is rectified by it but people don’t know about this information.*

*“Regulation of ZNBC by IBA will require a total change of set up in terms of the way the law is crafted. ZNBC is established by an Act of Parliament and so is IBA. Both institutions report to the Minister of Information and Broadcasting Services. Both directors of the two institutions are answerable to the Minister of Information so if IBA was to regulate ZNBC how best will they do it? May be through the Charter that is been proposed by the IBA and should be signed by the Board which will be appointed by the public and not the Minister. As it stands the Minister has so much powers,” from the minutes of the meeting.*

### 5.0 Conclusion

The second quarter of 2018 had increased debate following the proposed cyber security bills. Interesting to note is that in as much as government spokesperson and minister of transport and

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<sup>36</sup> MISA WhatsApp Media Violation group – ABN TV journalist harassed by police and immigration officers – 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2018

<sup>37</sup> Engagement Meeting with ZUBID Minutes, Held at MISA Zambia – 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

communication saying the bill will not affect freedom of expression, other government officials claim that once its law some online media houses will be clamped down.

In as much as the past few years have seen the media in Zambia under censorship. The second quarter of 2018 has seen more censorship of content that the media disseminates. This was not only taken note but rather saw a number of threats issued to the media with threats of shut down. The private media was not treated kindly as some journalists were assaulted while some media houses were stormed into radio station in some cases stop an ongoing program or ask for recording of the program.

The media is being subjected to more laws to regulate content which is largely affecting content with divergent views.

### **6.0 Recommendations**

Over the years the State of the Media Reports have brought to the fore a number of issues along with recommendations for some action. As a result of the current report the following recommendations are relevant:

- 6.1 Review of the content of cyber security bills
- 6.2 Engagement with ministry of Justice and Zambia police on safety of Journalists
- 6.3 Safety for media practitioners and media houses
- 6.4 Engage political parties on matters of attack and harassment of journalists.

There is need to work towards seeing that media practitioners are safe in executing their duties. Also there is need to engage government on the content of the cyber security bills before they are tabled before parliament. Continued engagement with government over the ATI should continue.



**Appendix**

**Appendix 1: Summary List of Radio and Television Stations in Zambia**

Broadcasting service	Number
Commercial free to air television	26
Commercial free to air radio	49
Community free to air television	08
Community free to air radio	60
Satellite subscription broadcasting	03
Subscription management service	03
Landing rights broadcasting service	05
<b>Total</b>	<b>154</b>

**Combined List of Television and Radio Stations in Zambia**

Licensee Name	Type	Category	Province
Econet Media Limited - SMS	Subscription Management Service	Subscription Management Service	Lusaka
Top Star Communications Company Limited	Subscription Management Service	Subscription Management Service	Lusaka
MultiChoice Zambia	Subscription Management Service	Subscription Management Service	Lusaka
Kopala TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Copperbelt
Copperbelt TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Copperbelt
Chipata TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Eastern
Covenant Broadcasting Company	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
CAMNET	Television	Community free to air Television	Lusaka

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Power TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Fresh TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka

Kwesé TV (Econet Media Limited)	Television	Landing Rights Broadcasting Service	Lusaka
Africa Network Television	Television	Landing Rights Broadcasting Service	Lusaka
Kwesé Free TV (Econet Media Zambia - FTA)	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
City Channel Cable Network	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Platinum	Television	Community free to air Television	Lusaka
Nonkas TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Catholic TV	Television	Community free to air Television	Lusaka
Acts TV	Television	Community free to air Television	Lusaka
Fire TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Kenmark TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
View Sat	Television	Satellite Subscription Broadcasting	Lusaka
Prime TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Agri-Business ABN	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Zed Entertainment	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
City Television	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Mozo TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Hope TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
StarSat	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Muvi TV Satellite	Television	Satellite Subscription Broadcasting	Lusaka
GoTV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka

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MultiChoice Zambia Limited	Television	Landing Rights Broadcasting Service	Lusaka
Trinity Broadcasting Network	Television	Community free to air Television	Lusaka
Mobi TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Strong Technology	Television	Satellite Subscription Broadcasting	Lusaka

Revelation TV	Television	Community free to air Television	Lusaka
Muvi TV Terrestrial	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Mwix 24TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Litovia TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
Healing TV	Television	Community free to air Television	Lusaka
Blessing Miracle Television	Television	Community free to air Television	Lusaka
Life Television	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
QTV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	Lusaka
France 24 TV	Television	Landing Rights Broadcasting Service	Lusaka
North Western TV	Television	Commercial free to Air Television	North Western
Mkushi Community Radio	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Central
Lusibo	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Central
Mumbwa Blue Sky	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Central
Serenje Community Radio	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Central
Itezhi Tezhi	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Central
Spice FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Central
Cloud FM	Radio	Commercial Free to air Radio	Central
Maranatha	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Central
Foston	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Central

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KNC Media	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Central
Luanginga	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Western
Cheke Radio	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Western
Lukulu	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Western
Mungu	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Western
Oblate Liseli	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Western

Radio Lyambai	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Western
Kuandu Radio	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Western
Shekinah Community Radio	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Copperbelt
Rise FM	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Copperbelt
Iwave	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Copperbelt
Kokoliko	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Copperbelt
Radio Icengelo	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Copperbelt
Yar FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Copperbelt
Baptist Faith	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Copperbelt
Flava FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Copperbelt
Radio Ngoma	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Copperbelt
Radio Mpongwe	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Copperbelt
Radio Rooster	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Copperbelt
Sun FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Copperbelt
Jive FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Copperbelt
Chimwemwe	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Copperbelt
Breeze FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Eastern
Feel Free Radio	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Eastern

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East Capital FM Radio	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Eastern
Radio Maria Zambia	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Eastern
Mphangwe Community Radio	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Eastern
Chikaya Community Radio	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Eastern
Valley FM Radio	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Eastern
Nyimba FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Eastern
Radio Café	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Eastern
Petauke Explorers	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Eastern

PASME	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Eastern
Yangeni	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Luapula
K FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Luapula
Tuta FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Luapula
Luapula	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Luapula
Bangwela FM	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Luapula
Chongwe Radio	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Lusaka
Kafue Radio	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Lusaka
Modern Voice	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Joy FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Komboni Radio	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Yatsani Radio	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Lusaka
Pan African	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Phoenix	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
5FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Live FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka

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British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)	Radio	Landing Rights Broadcasting Service	Lusaka
Comet10	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Ama Radio	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Millennium	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Power FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Rock FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Hone FM	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Lusaka
Roots	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
QFM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka

Hot FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Premier One Love	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
United Voice	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Lusaka
Metro FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Christian Voice	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Lusaka
UNZA	Radio	Community Free to air Radio	Lusaka
France Radio	Radio	Landing Rights Broadcasting Service	Lusaka
Direct Radio	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Education Radio	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka
Kwenje	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Muchinga
Muchinga	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Muchinga
ISO-FM	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Muchinga
Mpika	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Muchinga
Lubuto	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Northern

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Radio Mano	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Northern
Northern FM	Radio	Commercial free to air Radio	Northern
Lutanda FM	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Northern
Luswepe FM	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Northern
Liberty FM	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Northern
Walamo	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Northern
Kabompo	Radio	Community free to air Radio	North Western
Kasempa	Radio	Community free to air Radio	North Western
Lumba	Radio	Community free to air Radio	North Western
Mufumbwe	Radio	Community free to air Radio	North Western
Radio Mwinilunga	Radio	Community free to air Radio	North Western
FCC Solwezi	Radio	Community free to air Radio	North Western
Kalumbila	Radio	Community free to air Radio	North Western
Kabangabanga	Radio	Community free to air Radio	North Western
New Generation FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	North Western
Beats FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	North Western
Vision Macha	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Southern
Byta FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Southern
Choma Maanu	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Southern
Young Generation	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Southern
Namwianga	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Southern
Voice of Kalomo	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Southern
Zambezi Radio	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Southern
Falls FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Southern
Musi-O-Tunya	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Southern

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Mazabuka Radio	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Southern
Chikuni Radio	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Southern
Sky FM	Radio	Commercial free to air radio	Southern
Namwala Community Radio	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Southern
Kariba FM	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Southern
Chikankata Radio	Radio	Community free to air Radio	Southern

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### Appendix 2: Breakdown for Radio Stations by Province: 115

EASTERN PROVINCE: 11				
1	Mphangwe	Community free to air radio	Katete	91.7 FM
2	Maria	Community free to air radio	Chipata	89.5 FM
3	Valley	Commercial free to air radio	Nyimba	100.5 FM
4	Breeze	Commercial free to air radio	Chipata	98.9 FM
5	Feel Free	Commercial free to air radio	Chipata	90.9 FM
6	Chikaya	Community free to air radio	Lundazi	98.5 FM
7	Nyimba	Commercial free to air radio	Nyimba	
8	Radio Café	commercial free to air radio	Chipata	
9	Petauke Explorers	Community free to air radio	Petauke	91.4 FM
10	PASME	Community free to air radio	Petauke	93.1 FM
11	East Capital	Commercial free to air radio	Chipata	
NORTHWESTERN PROVINCE:10				
1	Lumba	Community free to air radio	Kasempa	90.7 FM
2	Kasempa	Community free to radio	Kasempa	91.9 FM
3	FCC Solwezi	Community free to air radio	Solwezi	89.7 FM
4	Mwinilunga	Community free to air radio	Mwinilunga	88.2 FM
5	Kabangabanga	Community free to radio	Solwezi	97.7 FM
6	New Generation	Commercial free to air radio	Solwezi	90.1 FM
7	Kabompo	Community free to air radio	Kabompo	
8	Kalumbila	Community free to air radio	Kalumbila	
9	Mufumbwe	Community free to air radio	Mufumbwe	

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10	Beats	Commercial free to air radio	Solwezi	96.1 FM
LUAPULA PROVINCE: 5				
1	Luapula	Community free to air radio	Nchelenge	93.7 FM
2	Yangeni	Community free to air radio	Samfya	98.2 FM
3	K FM	Commercial free to air radio	Mansa	95.5 FM
4	Tuta	Commercial free to air radio	Mansa	90.7 FM
5	Bangwela	Community free to air radio	Bangwela	89.7 FM
NORTHERN PROVINCE: 7				
1	Mano	Community free to air radio	Kasama	98.3 FM
2	Liberty	Community free to air radio	Mporokoso	
3	Walamo	Community free to air radio	Mpulungu	89.2 FM
4	Northern FM	Commercial free to air radio	Kasama	
5	Luswepo	community free to air radio	Mbala	
6	Lutanda	Community free to air radio	Kasama	
7	Lubuto	Community free to air radio	Kaputa	89.9 FM
WESTERN PROVINCE: 7				
1	Lukulu	Community free to air radio	Lukulu	100.3 FM
2	Mongu	Commercial free to air radio	Mongu	88.5 FM
3	Oblate Liseli	Community free to air radio	Mongu	101.9 FM
4	Cheke	community free to air radio	Kaoma	
5	Luanginga	Commercial free to air radio	Kalabo	
6	Kuandu	Community free to air radio	Shangomb o	
7	Lyambai	Community free to air radio	Mongu	105.3 FM
COPPERBELT PROVINCE :13				

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1	Sun	Commercial free to air radio	Ndola	88.5 FM
2	Yar	Commercial free to air radio	Kitwe	89.9 FM
3	Icengelo	Community free to air radio	Kitwe	89.1 FM
4	Baptist Faith	Community free to air radio	Kitwe	106.8 FM
5	Iwave	Commercial free to air radio	Chingola	90.1 FM
6	Chimwemwe	Community free to air radio	Kitwe	91.7 FM
7	Jive	Commercial free to air radio	Ndola	90.9 FM
8	Shekinah	Community free to air radio	Chingola	
9	Flava	Commercial free to air radio	Kitwe	87.7 FM
10	Rise	Community free to air radio	Chingola	
11	Rooster	Commercial free to air radio	Chingola	
12	Mpongwe	Commercial free to air radio	Mpongwe	
13	Kokoliko	Commercial free to air radio	Chingola	94.9 FM
CENTRAL PROVINCE: 10				
1	Mkushi	Community free to air radio	Mkushi	93.0 FM
2	Maranatha	Community free to air radio	Kabwe	103.5 FM
3	KNC	Commercial free to air radio	Kabwe	101.7 FM
4	Cloud	Community free to air radio	Kabwe	
5	Itezhi Tezhi	community free to air radio	Itezhi Tezhi	90.9 FM
6	Spice	Commercial free to air radio	Kabwe	
7	Serenje	Community free to air radio	Serenje	89.5 FM
8	Foston	Community free to air radio	Kabwe	
9	Mumbwa Blue sky	Commercial free to air radio	Mumbwa	93.9 FM
10	Lusibo	Community free to air radio	Mumbwa	

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### MUCHINGA PROVINCE: 4

1	Isoka	Community free to air radio	Isoka	90.3 FM
2	Mpika	Community free to air radio	Mpika	89.5 FM
3	Muchinga	Commercial free to air radio	Chinsali	
4	Kwenje	Community free to air radio	Chama	89.3 FM

### SOUTHERN PROVINCE:15

1	Namwala	Community free to air radio	Namwala	
2	Falls	Commercial free to air radio	Livingstone	90.1 FM
3	Zambezi	Commercial free to air radio	Livingstone	107.7 FM
4	Mosi-u-Tunya	Community free to air radio	Livingstone	106.0 FM
5	Voice of Kalomo	Community free to air radio	Kalomo	89.1 FM
6	Vision Maacha	Community free to air radio	Choma	92.2 FM
7	Mazabuka	Community free to air radio	Mazabuka	100.9 FM
8	Namwianga	Community free to air radio	Kalomo	90.5 FM
9	Sky	Commercial free to air radio	Monze	93.7 FM
10	Kariba	Community free to air radio	Siavonga	89.1 FM
11	Chikankata	Community free to air radio	Chikankata	90.9 FM
12	Choma Maanu	Commercial free to air radio	Choma	
13	Byta	Commercial free to air radio	Choma	
14	Chikuni	Community free to air radio	Chikuni	91.9 FM
15	Young Generation	Commercial free to air radio	Choma	

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1	Rock FM	Commercial free to radio	Lusaka	96.5 FM
2	5 FM	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	89.9 FM
3	Kafue	Community free to radio	Kafue	107.8 FM
4	Chongwe	Community free to radio	Chongwe	104.5 FM
5	Hot	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	87.7 FM
6	Phoenix	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	89.5 FM
7	Q FM	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	89.1 FM
8	Ama	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	93.3 FM
9	Comet 10	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	93.7 FM
10	Joy	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	106.9 FM
11	Komboni	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	94.9 FM
12	Metro	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	94.5 FM
13	Millennium	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	90.5 FM
14	Pan African	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	105.1 FM
15	Power	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	99.7 FM
16	Evelyn	Educational free to air radio	Lusaka	94.2 FM
17	UNZA	Educational free to air radio	Lusaka	91.7 FM
18	Christian Voice	Community free to air radio	Lusaka	106.2 FM
19	Yatsani	Community free to air radio	Lusaka	99.1 FM
20	Roots	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	101.3 FM
21	Premier One Love	Community free to air radio	Lusaka	104.1 FM
22	Direct Management	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	
23	Ministry of Education	Community free to air radio	Lusaka	
24	United Voice	Community free to air radio	Lusaka	92.7 FM

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25	Live	Commercial free to air radio	Lusaka	97.3 FM
26	BBC	Landing Rights Broadcasting Service	Lusaka	98.1 FM
27	Modern Voice	Commercial free to air radio	Chirundu	
28	France Radio	Landing rights Broadcasting Service	Lusaka	
PUBLIC SERVICE BROADCASTING: 4				
1	ZNBC Radio 1	Public Service Broadcasting	Lusaka	102.9 FM
2	ZNBC Radio 2	Public Service Broadcasting	Lusaka	95.7 FM
3	ZNBC Radio 4	Public Service Broadcasting	Lusaka	88.1 FM
4	Parliament	Public Service Broadcasting	Lusaka	92.0 FM

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### Appendix 3: Distribution of Television Stations in Districts

District	Television stations			
	Licensee	Category	Status	Province
	Chipata	Chipata Television Station	Commercial	Operational
Solwezi	Northwest Television Station	Commercial	Operational	Northwest
Lusaka	1. Revelation Television Station	Community	Operational	Lusaka
	2. Camnet Television Station	Community	Operational	Lusaka
	3. Edge Television Station	Community		Lusaka
	4. Fire Television Station	Community		Lusaka
	5. Catholic Television Station	Community		Lusaka
	6. Acts Television Station	Community		Lusaka
	7. Hope Television Station	Community	Operational	Lusaka
	8. Healing Television Station	Community		Lusaka
	9. Healing Centre Television Station	Community	Operational	Lusaka
	10. Blessing Miracle Television Station	Community	Operational	Lusaka
	11. Trinity Broadcasting Network	Community	Operational	Lusaka
	12. Zed Entertainment Television Station	Commercial		Lusaka
	13. Fresh Communications Ltd	Commercial	Operational	Lusaka
	14. City Television Station	Commercial	Operational	Lusaka
	15. Prime Television Station	Commercial	Operational	Lusaka
	16. Diamond Television Station	Commercial	Operational	Lusaka
	17. Mozo Television Station	Commercial		Lusaka

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18. Kopala	Commercial	Operational	Lusaka
19. ABN	Commercial	Operational	Lusaka
20. Kenmark Television Station	Commercial		Lusaka
21. Life Television Station	Commercial	Operational	Lusaka
22. Q Television Station	Commercial	Operational	Lusaka
23. Litovia	Commercial	Operational	Lusaka
24. Muvi Television Station	Satellite	Operational	Lusaka
25. Strong Technology	Satellite	Operational	Lusaka
26. Viewsat	Satellite		Lusaka
27. StarSat	Satellite	Operational	Lusaka
28. Muvi Television Station	Satellite	Operational	Lusaka
29. Econet	SMS	Operational	Lusaka
30. Multichoice	SMS	Operational	Lusaka
31. Kwese	Landing Rights	Operational	Lusaka
32. BCC	Landing Rights	Operational	Lusaka
33. France	Landing Rights	Operational	Lusaka
34. ANT	Landing Rights		Nairobi
35. Parliament	Landing Rights	Operational	Lusaka
36. ZNBC TV 1	PSB	Operational	Lusaka
37. ZNBC TV 3	PSB	Operational	Lusaka
38. ZNBC TV 3	PSB	Operational	Lusaka



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