

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MALAWI PRINCIPAL REGISTRY CIVIL DIVISION ELECTION PETITION NUMBER 70 OF 2025

IN THE MATTER OF PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS HELD ON THE 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION FOR NSANJE SOUTH CONSTITUENCY

-AND-

IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 101 OF THE PRESIDENTIAL, PARLIAMENTARY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS ACT, 2023.

BETWEEN:

RAMUZANI JUMA MAHOMMED

PETITIONER

-AND-

MALAWI ELECTORAL COMMISSION

1ST DEFENDANT

THOMSON KAMANGIRA

2ND DEFENDANT

ORDER FOR DIRECTIONS

Upon hearing Counsel for the Petitioner and Respondents; and upon reading the sworn statement of facts and skeleton arguments in support of the 1st Respondent's application in hearing for directions made pursuant to Order 10 Rule 1 of the Courts (High Court) (Civil Procedure) Rules;

And the Court being satisfied that the balance of convenience favours the making of the order based on the reasons as stated in the said Application and supporting documents directs as follows:

- (a) That <u>any person intending to appear at the hearing of the Petition</u> other than the named Defendants must <u>within seven (7) days</u> from the date of publication of this Order:
 - (i) Make the necessary application to the Court, which application must be filled together with the sworn statement of facts and the written submissions supporting the application;
 - (ii) Serve on the Petitioner and the Defendants all the documents stated in (a) (i) above;
 - (iii) File with the Court and serve on the Petitioner and the Defendants a response to the Petition already filed in this Court, together with the relevant supporting sworn statement of facts and skeleton arguments which the Applicant intends to rely upon during the hearing of the Petition in the event of the application in (a) (i) above being successful.
- (b) The Petitioner and the Defendants must within three (3) days from the date of being served with the documents stated in (a) (i) above file with the Court and serve on the Applicants replies to the application.
- (c) The determination of the applications stated in (a) (i) above shall be made by the Court based on the documents stated in (a) (i) and (b) above as may have been filed with the Court within the stipulated periods.
- (d) The Petitioner may within three (3) days after the determination by the Court of the applications referred to in (a) (i) above file with the Court and serve on all parties his reply to the responses referred to in (a) (iii) above.

- (e) Any party to the Petition desirous to file any supplementary document that he or she intends to use during the hearing of the Petition must <u>within</u> seven (7) days after the Court's determination mentioned in (c) above file with the Court and serve the same on all the parties to the Petition.
- (f) That the Court shall <u>within three (3) days</u> after the lapse of the 7 days referred to in (e) above set dates for a scheduling conference and the continued hearing of the Petition.
- (g) That any document required to be filed with the Court and served on any person in respect of this Petition must be filed and served both manually and electronically.
- (h) That the 1st Respondent shall cause this order to be published in at least two newspapers of wide circulation in Malawi and its website by 27th October, 2025.

Made this 24th day of October 2025

LADY JUSTICE ETNESS CHANZA

JUDGE.