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PRESIDENT LUNGU DIRECTS IG TO TAKE CHARGE OF KAOMA

Lusaka, (Monday, 7th October, 2019)----His Excellency, Dr Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia has described the killing of a man in Kaoma and the wounding of others amidst political violence as “numbing and absolutely detestable.”

Commiserating with the family of the deceased and the wounded, the President says, “No Zambian deserves to die for politics.”

The President says all Zambians should be concerned about frequent violence each time elections are held.

“This is not just Edgar Chagwa Lungu's issue. This is not just a Government issue. It is not just a PF or UPND issue. This is a Zambian issue that we should all care about,” the President says.

He adds: “All fair minded people should be concerned.”

The President has since directed the Inspector General of Police “to take full control of the Mayoral elections in Kaoma and other areas where elections are taking place.”

The President is concerned that political activists suddenly are carrying guns and has directed that all the armed should be disarmed and all the culprits of Sunday's ugly events must be apprehended and prosecuted regardless of their political belonging.

The President says: “Police should also get ready for the general elections in 2021. People should respect democracy and let popular candidates take the day instead of intimidating people to vote for their candidates.”

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