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PRESIDENT LUNGU DIRECTS RTSA TO INTENSIFY HIGHWAY PATROLS

Lusaka, (Thursday, 10th October, 2019) -----His Excellency Dr Edgar Chagwa Lungu, **President of the Republic of Zambia** is concerned that within hours, lives were lost through traffic accidents on the Copperbelt and in Muchinga Province.

The President has since directed Road Transport and Safety Agency Acting Chief Executive Officer Gladwell Banda to ensure the Agency intensifies highway patrols to save people's lives.

"I want to see intensified highway patrols because RTSA has equipment and vehicles to ensure motorists adhere to traffic rules. We cannot continue losing lives on the roads," President Lungu says.

The President said he is sad that lives were lost in Mpika shortly after the accident on the Kitwe-Chingola Road.

The President has also cautioned the public to observe traffic rules, including, adhering to speed limits and fastening of seat-belts by adults and children.

"It's extremely sad that children are among the casualties in these accidents," the President says.

The President wished the injured in the two accidents quick recovery.
"My thoughts are with the grieving families right now," The President said.

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