

SPEECH BY

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**AND
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCE,**

ON THE OCCASION OF THE MEDALS PARADE

AT ARMY HEADQUARTERS PARADE SQUARE

ON SATURDAY, 28 DECEMBER 2019

**STATE HOUSE
LUSAKA**

- **THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE, HON.DAVIES CHAMA, MP;**
- **HONOURABLE CABINET MINISTERS PRESENT;**
- **THE ARMY COMMANDER, LIEUTENANT GENERAL WILLIAM M SIKAZWE;**
- **SERVICE CHIEFS;**
- **MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT PRESENT;**
- **SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS;**
- **FORMER SERVICE CHIEFS PRESENT;**
- **DEFENCE ATTACHES;**
- **SENIOR OFFICERS;**
- **OFFICERS;**
- **MEMBERS OF THE PRESS;**
- **DISTINGUISHED GUESTS;**
- **LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:**

I AM HONOURED TO ADDRESS YOU TODAY ON THIS OCCASION MARKING THE MEDALS PARADE. THANK YOU TO THE ARMY COMMANDER FOR INVITING ME TO GRACE THIS WONDERFUL OCCASION.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL RECIPIENTS OF THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF MEDALS. THE MEDALS ARE WELL-DESERVED. THERE ARE AN ENDORSEMENT OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN AWARDED TODAY, I URGE YOU TO CONTINUE WORKING HARD AND BEING DISCIPLINED ALL THE TIME. YOUR REWARDS ARE CERTAIN NEXT TIME.

ZAMBIA ARMY IS ONE OF THE LEADING CONTRIBUTORS OF PEACEKEEPERS TO THE UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS GLOBALLY. THIS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES THE ARMY'S' UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO FOSTERING GLOBAL PEACE.

SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS CANNOT GO WITHOUT RECOGNITION. TODAY, I STAND BEFORE YOU AS A PROUD COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BECAUSE I APPRECIATE ALL THE SERVICES AND SACRIFICES THAT THE MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM HAVE MADE FOR THIS NATION.

THEREFORE, TODAY'S MEDALS PARADE, IS A SHOW OF MY GOVERNMENT'S SINCERE GRATITUDE TO THE UNMATCHED SERVICES WHICH YOU CONTINUE TO RENDER TO THIS NATION.

TO THE OFFICERS:

YOU HAVE BEEN AWARDED THESE MEDALS BY ACCOMPLISHING YOUR DUTIES WITH GREAT DISTINCTION. THIS AWARD COMES WITH DISCIPLINE. ALL ARMIES WORLDWIDE THRIVE ON DISCIPLINE. WITHOUT DISCIPLINE YOU CANNOT ACHIEVE ANYTHING AS AN ARMY.

I HAVE NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT THE RECIPIENTS OF THESE AWARDS HAVE EXHIBITED HIGH LEVELS OF DISCIPLINE IN ALL ASPECTS OF THEIR MILITARY CAREER.

LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND MY SINCERE GRATITUDE TO YOU ALL AND COMMEND YOUR EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE IN THE EXECUTION OF DUTIES.

I WISH TO ALSO REMIND YOU ALL TO REMAIN PROFESSIONAL, EFFICIENT AND ACCOUNTABLE AT ALL TIMES BECAUSE THESE ARE THE ATTRIBUTES WHICH WILL INSTIL PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE ZAMBIA ARMY.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS; LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I WISH ALL OF YOU A PRODUCTIVE NEW YEAR.

MAY GOD BLESS THIS GREAT NATION ZAMBIA.
MAY GOD BLESS US ALL. **I THANK YOU.**