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**PRESIDENT LUNGU COMFORTS MALAWI, MOZAMBIQUE, ZIMBABWE  
OVER CYCLONE TRAGEDY**

**Lusaka, (Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2019)--His Excellency Mr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia** has sent messages of condolences to his counterparts in Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe over the deaths, injuries and widespread destruction caused by tropical storm Cyclone Idai.

In a message of condolences to President Arthur Peter Mutharika, the President says he learnt with deep sadness the effects of the cyclone, which claimed several lives, injured thousands others and left a trail of widespread property destruction.

The President assures that the thoughts and prayers of the Zambian government are with the bereaved families and wishes the injured a speedy recovery. The President prays that the Almighty God grants the people of Malawi courage and strength during this trying period.

"On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Zambia and indeed on my own behalf, I wish to convey to Your Excellency, the Government and the people of Malawi, our deepest sympathies on this tragic incident. In this time of profound sorrow and loss, please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration," the President said.

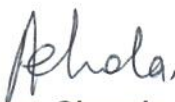
In a message to President Filipe Nyusi of Mozambique, President Lungu expressed deepest condolences and sympathies to the Government and people of that country and particularly the bereaved families.

"The Zambian government shares in the grief of this tragedy, its prayer is that God Almighty will grant comfort to the bereaved families and wishes those injured a speedy recovery. Allow me to convey to Your Excellency, the Government and the people of the Republic of Mozambique, and particularly the bereaved families our deepest condolences and sympathies."

In a message to President Emmerson Mnangagwa of Zimbabwe, the President expressed heartfelt condolences to his counterpart and to the people of Zimbabwe on the tragic weather incident.

"As we mourn with you during this period of grief, we pray that God Almighty will grant comfort to the bereaved families and we wish those injured a speedy recovery. We pray that the nation will find strength to overcome this loss. Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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