



**POLICE ALERT**  
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**Advise on reducing murder cases**

ZRP Masvingo Province has noted an upward trend in murder cases. Most of the disputes emanate from disputes amongst relatives and friends. As such, the following issues should be taken into consideration for the communities to reduce murder cases:

- Disputes should be solved amicably
- If a dispute arises, assistance should be sought from pastors, close relatives, police or other professional counsellors
- Those with mentally retarded relatives should make sure that they take their medication as prescribed since most of the murder cases are

orchestrated the mentally retarded problem but results to loss of life

• The response to a problem may be the creation of a new problem- Murder is wrong

ZRP informs you that murder attracts a hefty sentence that is life imprisonment of sudden death by hanging which may cause stress or chronic illnesses to the defendant's family and friends. Remember, police officers can't be everywhere. Your cooperation with them is for the benefit of you, your family, your neighbours and your neighbourhood.

**WEEKLY ACCIDENTS REPORT**

**Road accidents claim 5; injure 13**

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In the 19 accidents that were reported and recorded in Masvingo between the 8th and the 14th of June, 5 people lost their lives while 13 others got injured.

On the 8th at the 2km peg along Nyika-Zaka road the first party hit a three year old child who ran into the road, the child died on the spot.

On the 10th, at the intersection J. Street and Jaro's Jiri Street, Masvingo a sole party lost control of the vehicle and it veered off the road and hit a female juvenile pedestrian and she sustained a dislocated left knee. On this same day at the 10km peg along the Nyika-Ngunzhu road, 2 people died

On the 10th again, at Sini homestead in Bikita, a sole party was run over by his motor vehicle after it rolled from an anthill which was meant to hill-start it and the driver died from the injuries he had sustained.

Two people were injured on the 12th at the 226km peg along the Mutare-Masvingo road after the sole party lost control of the vehicle after a tyre burst.

On the 13th along the Chirvhu-Roy road, a 5 year old child was hit and killed by a motorist while crossing the road. On the same day two people were injured along the Ngunzhu-Tanganda road after the sole party lost control of his vehicle

**USA based Zimbabwean invents solar water purifying equipment**

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**MASVINGO** - Lloyd Muzangwa, a Zimbabwean engineer from Gutu who is now based in the United States has invented a solar water purifying machine called Maji 1200 which is expected to revolutionise water treatment process in Third World countries and in particular rural Africa where the majority are exposed to unsafe drinking water.

Muzangwa co-invented the purifying machine which is expected to cost \$2 000 when it lands on the market with a colleague, George Kahabuka from Tanzania. The equipment purifies water using UVC light which is powered by solar energy.

Maji 1200 has won US\$5 000 prize at the recent Standard Bank Water For Africa challenge that took place in United States of America last year.

Muzangwa who spent his childhood in Muryaradzzi Village in Gutu and has a PHD in Biochemistry visited The Mirror offices recently and said there is now a process to mobilise African Governments to give a nod to the treatment equipment so that it can be widely used for the provision of safe water to the populace.

One unit of the equipment costs \$2000 and it can purify large quantities of water at a time.

He said the plans are that, the plant to manufacture these processing units is that it would be established in Africa.

Maji is drawn from the Swahili name for water and this is because the project was tried in Tanzania where the co-engineer comes from.

of passion to avert water problems as well as to prevent water borne diseases using the African sun.

"Funding is required to set up an installation plant in Africa. A positive spin-off of this could be job opportunities with each installation being tended to and operated by people trained in its use," said the 28-year-old scientist.

According to Jay-shree Naidoo Innovation Thought Leader, the Standard Bank prize money will go towards the construction of MAJI 1200 units that will be donated to schools in far-flung areas of rural Zimbabwe.

Muzangwa said that some of the advantages of Maji 1200 is that it is cheap since it does not use chemicals and it produces safer water compared to chemicals.

"The MAJI 1200 system uses innovative ultraviolet (UV) light technology and solar energy to purify water. It is relatively affordable to construct, and delivers high volumes of water. It is basically a maintenance-free system in which only the lamp and filter require replacement and the



Above Engineer Lloyd Muzangwa and below the water purifying machine called Maji 1200.

host). UV light does not impart tastes or odours to water as chlorine does," said Muzangwa.

MAJI 1200 has a guarantee of five years. To this end he said that active lobbying for donors, sponsors, NGOs, and