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**TO: ALL MEDIA**

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**RE: NORTH WEST HIGH COURT SENTENCES THE ZIMBABWEAN NATIONAL  
TO TWO LIFE SENTENCES**

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North West High Court sentenced Samuel Ndlovu to two life terms of imprisonment on two murder charges. On 12 January 2014, Samuel Ndlovu (32) was seen packing his bag and locking the door to the shack he was renting. One of the neighbours was suspicious after she had heard the accused girlfriend shouting that the accused was strangling the child. The neighbour informed the landlord about her suspicion.

The landlord investigated and saw the child lying on the bed. He then followed the accused to the hiking spot and brought him back to his shack. At the shack the accused informed the landlord that he had killed his girlfriend and the child. The police were called and upon opening the door, two stabbed bodies were found. They were identified as the accused girlfriend and her one year old daughter.

The court expressed shock to this brutality and further said it is important to note that the court must impose appropriate sentence. The accused actions were brutal as he stabbed his girlfriend 17 times. She was seven months pregnant and one of 17 stabs penetrated the womb and stabbed the foetus. The accused who is Zimbabwe national, was very heartless after being told that the child was not his and decided to kill both the child and her mother. The mother was subjected to the gruesome and traumatic experience of witnessing the killing of her one-year-old daughter.

The NPA congratulates Adv Ponka Maila for the job well done. This judgement and sentence reaffirms our commitment to the war that we have declared against all perpetrators of violence against the vulnerable. We trust that this sentence will deter potential offenders to commit this barbaric crime.

Kind Regards,

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