

**FEATURE**  
**HISTORY OF THE POLICE**

**A HISTORY OF THE MALAWI  
POLICE - CELEBRATING A  
CENTENARY 1921-2021**



*I have been in contact with Victor Sibale for some time now in connection with his Project to research, record and publish the History of the Nyasaland/ Malawi Police Service History from its inception in 1921 to date.*

*He has now given me permission to make the first public announcement of the Project which is planned to be published in 2021, the date of the actual Centenary!*

*Here are the lead-in details from the initial draft of the book ...*

**BACKGROUND**

The Malaŵi Police Service will be commemorating 100 Years of its existence in October 2021, approximately four years from now. The Golden Jubilee was celebrated in 1971 for which Assistant Commissioner, Cyril Marlow, PPM (1971), published a Chronicle of these first fifty years of the existence of the Police.

Since 1971, what is now the Malaŵi Police Service is moving towards another fifty years with the Organisation having gone through enormous developments in structure, size and strategic impact in view of its expanding Mandate.

It is without doubt that as a State Organisation, there is a growing and continuing interest by the Citizens to gain an understanding of the Malaŵi Police. More so, all those that seek to build a Career in the Organisation will find it imperative to understand the Organisation from an Historical perspective that will cover the period from the origins of the Organisation in the 1920's up to where we are today. Such a comprehensive perspective should make compulsory reading, on the part of Police Recruits to appreciate the Organisational ethos over the years of its existence. This is especially true now when a proposal has been put on the table for Tertiary Institutions to consider a Strategic Partnering with the Malaŵi Police Service for either the creation of a Police Academy or offering of Degrees in Police Studies. Such specialised studies will no doubt begin from an Historical understanding of the Organisation which the proposed document seeks to address.

**OBJECTIVES:** To develop a comprehensive History of the Malaŵi Police for the Commemoration of 100 years, the Project Team intends to:

- Review literature on the origins of the Police in Malaŵi from the Protectorate years.
- Chronicle the Historical development of the Police from the years of Civil Police,

Nyasaland Police Force, Malaŵi Police Force and the current reformed Malaŵi Police Service.

- Outline profiles and/or Biographies of Colonial Police Command from 1921 to 1964, then 1964 to 1971 and then the Indigenous Police Command, (Leadership), from 1971 to 2021.
- Collect archived pictures and photos of all personalities to go with the Police Leadership profiles within the period under review.
- Isolate Historical milestones of the Police in the last ninety-five years of Police existence and their impact on the Organisation.
- Isolate Constitutional developments relating to Police in Malaŵi during the period under review.
- Identify International Organisations to which the Malaŵi Police has been, and is, affiliated to and enjoys Membership of.

*The draft proposed layout of the book is as follows...*

**CHAPTER 1 - Introduction**

**CHAPTER 2 - Origins of the Police Detachment 1891-1897**

- - From Askari to Civil Police Detachment.
- - The first Police Posts in the Country.
- - The 1909 Civil Police Ordinance.
- - Police during the First World War, 1914-18.
- - Creation of the Nyasaland Police Force, 1921.
- - Police Uniforms and Accoutrements: 1921-2021.
- - Police Emblems, Symbols and Logos over the years.
- - The National Anthem, Composition.

**CHAPTER 3 - Creation of initial Police Formations, Divisions and Units, 1920-39**

- - Training School, 1920.
- - CID, 1925 (Fingerprints Bureau and Photographic Department.
- - Special Branch (formerly Political Intelligence Bureau).
- - Police Band Section 1939 - How it began.
- - Police Mobile Force (PMF), 1953.
- - Dog Section (Canine Division-formed 1966).
- - Pay and Quartermaster.
- - Radio Communications (Signals Branch).
- - Force Transport and Traffic.
- - Force Buildings Department.



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- - Immigration and Customs Branch.
- - Drug and Narcotics Department.
- - Welfare Branch.
- - Prosecutions Branch.

### CHAPTER 4 - The Police Training Schools and selected establishments since 1920

- - Opening Police Training Depot, Zomba, 1920.
- - Opening Police Training School, Kanjedza, 1960.
- - Opening Police School/Wing, Mtakataka, 4 January 1976.
- - Opening Police Training School, Mlangeni.
- - Opening Police College, Zomba, 16 January 1978.
- - Opening Area 30, National Police Headquarters, 14th October, 1977.
- - Opening Police Flying School, Mtakataka, 6th October, 1987.
- - Opening Police Regional Training Centre, Lilongwe.

### CHAPTER 5 - The Force Command Since 1921

- - Titles of the Head of Police from 1921-2021.
- - First Chief Commissioner of Police: Major Francis Trant Stephens, 1921-39.
- - Second Commissioner of Police: Supt. W.B. Bithrey, 1939-42.
- - Third Commissioner of Police: Supt. Malcom Lionel Fraser, 1943-49.
- - Fourth Commissioner of Police: Lt. Col. Charles Hugh Fairfax Apthorp, 1949-58.
- - Fifth Commissioner of Police: Mr J.V. Mullin, 1958-1964.
- - Sixth Commissioner of Police: Mr Peter Long, 1964-1971.

### Malawian Command from 1971

- - First Malawian Force Commissioner: Mr. Mc J. Kamwana, (born 26 June 1935, joined Force on 13th January 1953, served in the post from 25th July 1971-1986. (Daughter-in-Law at Parliament).
- - Second Force Commissioner: Mr. Lywell Ezron Ngwata (born in 1938 and joined the Force on 19th November 1957).
- - Mr Eliot Fanuel Mbedza (born in 1935 and joined the force on 18th October 1954).

- - Mr. Milward Gibson Namasani (born on 18th April 1935 and joined the Force on 15th April 1955).
- - Mr. Mc William Lunguzi (born on 6th January 1944 and joined the Force on 17th May 1965). (Daughter in LL)
- - Mr. Feyani Morrison Chikosa (born in 1940 and joined the force on 29th November 1959).
- - Mr Patrick Chikapa (born on 9th July 1942 and joined the Force on 1st April 1964).
- - Mr Kennedy S.M. Chirambo (born on 20th Feb. 1942 and joined the force on 1st April 1964).
- - Mr Benard B. Mphinjji (born on...check)
- - Mr Lawrence Chimwaza (born on...check)
- - Mr Joseph Ellywn Aironi (born on 3rd Dec, 1950)
- - Mrs Mary Nangwale [nee Mvula] (born on...check)
- - Mr Oliver Mathews Cedric Kumbambe (born on 8th September 1966).
- - Mr Peter M. Mukhito (born on 27th Sep. 1963).
- - Mr Loti Thauzeni Pansipadana Dzonzi (born on 14th January 1959).
- - Mr Paul Rodrick Kanyama (born on...check)
- - Dr. Lexten Shame Kachama (born on...check)

### CHAPTER 6 - Developments Since 1971

- - Creation of Women Constables in the Malawi Police Force.
- - Introduction of Police Airwing.
- - Creation of Marine Unit (info with NYPOL).
- - Airport and Anti-Hijack Police, 1972.
- - Administration Branch.
- - Police Medical Corps, February 1974.
- - Force Education Department, Sep. 1975.

### CHAPTER 7 - The Reform Agenda: From Malawi Police Force to Malawi Police Service.

- - The Presidential Working Group on Reform.
- - Constitutional Review- The Malawi Police Act.
- - Community Policing and Citizen Partnership.
- - Research and Planning Department.
- - The people's Police and Victim Support Initiative.
- - 997/990 Rapid Response Unit.
- - VVIP Protection Unit.
- - Records Branch.
- - The Police Women Network.
- - The Professional Standards Unit.
- - The Public Relations Unit.

### CHAPTER 8 - The Malawi Police and its International Dimension

- - The Malawi Police and Interpol (Member since August 31, 1966).
- - The Malawi Police and SARPCO.
- - The Malawi Police and Joint Permanent Commission of Cooperation.
- - The Malawi Police and the UN Peacekeeping in Kosovo, Liberia, Ivory Coast (Cote d'Ivoire) and the Darfur-Sudan.

### CHAPTER 9 - The Malawi Police Sports and Recreational Dimension

- - The Blue Eagles - Police Football Club.
- - The Eagle Beaks - Police Junior Football Club.
- - Eagle Nets - Police Netball Club.
- - The Marathon Team.

### CHAPTER 10 - The Malawi Police Chaplaincy (To be done)

- The Adventists Faithful.
- The Anglican Faithfuls.
- The Catholic Faithfuls.
- The Pentecostal Faithfuls.
- The Protestant Faithful.
- The Muslim Faithfuls.

### CHAPTER 11 - The Malawi Police and its Corporate Relations

- Sucoma/Ilovo Corporate Support.

### CHAPTER 12 - Messing and Catering in the Malawi Police.

- Headquarters Mess Lilongwe.
- Regional Police Mess Lilongwe.
- Regional Police Mess Mzuzu.
- Zomba Police College Mess, 1951.

### CHAPTER 13 - The Police Magazine - Its History from 1951

- - Nyalugwe; first Nyasaland Police Magazine.
- - POMA- Malawi Police Magazine.



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### CHAPTER 14 - Selected Awards and Medals of Merit between 1921-2021

- BEM- British Empire Medal
- CBE- Commander of the British Empire
- CMG- Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.
- CPM- Colonial Police Medal.
- KCMG- Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St George.
- KPM- King's Police Medal.
- MC- Military Cross.
- MM- Military Medal.
- MVO- Member of the Royal Victorian Order.
- OBE- Order of the British Empire.
- PPM- Presidential Police Medal.
- QPM- Queens Police Medal.

### CHAPTER 15 - Departments Weaned from the Police

- Customs Branch now Malaŵi Revenue Authority (MRA).
- Special Branch now National Intelligence Bureau (NIB).
- Motor Vehicle Registration and Traffic Directorate (RTD).

### CHAPTER 16 - The Nyasaland Police Organisation for Retired Officers (NYPOL) in UK

- Aims of the Organisation.
- Activities of the Organisation.
- Milestones of the Organisation.

### CHAPTER 17 - Academic Theses, Dissertations and books on the Police in Malaŵi.

- Dissertations.
- Theses.
- Published books by Policemen and Women on the Police in Malaŵi.

### CHAPTER 18 - Reminiscences and some voices of retired personnel in Malaŵi Police

### CHAPTER 19 - Selected Anniversary Tributes from Sister Organisation

## REFERENCES AND BIBLIOGRAPHY

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Victor's eMails to me ...

Dear Ian

*Zikomo kwambiri* for the Editions of the *Federal Saints Newsletter*. I have, as always, enjoyed them, much more so on the story about **Tim Chevallier**.

I am interested to link up with him on a richer Biography of his Father whom I have featured briefly, from an obvious dearth and paucity of information that I have been able to find on him mostly from the NyPol WebSite, courtesy of Christopher Bean and encouragement from John D. Wilkes.

Talking about my need to gather as much information as possible, I take pleasure to attach hereto a draft for "**A HISTORY OF THE MALAWI POLICE - CELEBRATING A CENTENARY 1921-2021**" which the Malawi Police is interested to see produced for their Centenary event four years away! Thank you for your time and we keep in touch.

I then put Victor and Tim in contact ...

*Zikomo kwambiri* Ian

I rang up **Tim** and he is such a nice fellow!

We have productively talked and he is very excited with the Project especially on the request for his help which he has instantly guaranteed.

As for what can go into the *Journal*, I would suggest for now you can mention there is this Project to compile a Centenary History of the Police in Malawi which obviously should benefit from the input of a lot more people apart from links like NyPol.

You could include a summary of the table of contents/scope of the work for which anybody with valuable insights could share through my eMail: [sibalevic@gmail.com](mailto:sibalevic@gmail.com) and all contributions will be duly acknowledged.

Thank you once again for your help.

Sincerely

Victor X

## FEATURES

### POACHING SENTENCE



**Tim Chevallier**  
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### 18-Year Sentence Handed Down to Rhino Poacher by Malawian Court

An unprecedented total of an effective 36 years of Prison time has been handed down to three people convicted for Poaching a Black Rhinoceros in Liwonde National Park, Malawi, this year.



**Rangers on Patrol in Liwonde National Park**

Liwonde, Malawi: A man Tried and Convicted of Poaching a Black Rhinoceros in Liwonde National Park, Malawi, was handed down an 18-year Prison sentence at Liwonde Magistrates' Court on Thursday October 19th, setting a new precedent in the punishment for Wildlife Crime in the Country. >>