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SIMBI ASHAN PHIRI, EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF KHATO CIVILS, DISASSOCIATES HIMSELF WITH A POLITICAL PARTY CALLED CONGRESS FOR DEMOCRATS WHOSE ALLEGED LEADER IS PETER SIMBI PHIRI.

It has come to our attention that, a document in circulation on various social media platforms in Malawi is purporting that **Mr. Simbi Ashan Phiri**, Executive Chairman of Khato Civils, was in Malawi last December 2021 to coordinate formation of a new political party called Congress for Democrats whose leader is **Peter Simbi Phiri**.

To begin with, the full name of our Executive Chairman is **Mr. Simbi Ashan Phiri** and **NOT Peter Simbi Phiri**. We have also noted that, a Facebook page called "**Peter Simbi Phiri Quotes**," currently with 5500 likes, is fraudulently using the picture of our Executive Chairman, **Mr. Simbi Ashan Phiri**, for profile and cover pictures, therefore misleading the public into believing that **Mr. Simbi Ashan Phiri** is the same as **Peter Simbi Phiri**.

We wish to categorically state and place on record that, there's no connection, directly or indirectly, between Executive Chairman, **Mr. Simbi Ashan Phiri**, and the alleged **Peter Simbi Phiri**.

We have engaged our legal counsel to decisively deal with this fraudulent attempt of using our chairman's pictures to sinisterly generate page attraction and likes to the page and subsequently mislead the public into believing that **Peter Simbi Phiri** and Executive Chairman **Mr. Simbi Ashan Phiri** are the same persons.

Khato Civils and its Chairman refute and deny all the allegations as malicious and aimed at impugning the Khato Civils Executive Chairman, **Mr. Simbi Ashan Phiri**.

In this regard, the public is urged to disregard the publication and content shared on the pseudo-Facebook account as it has no connection whatsoever to **Mr. Simbi Ashan Phiri**.



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As he has categorically stated during several interviews in Malawi, **Mr. Simbi Ashan Phiri** harbours no political ambitions. He believes his contribution to his country is better placed in investment and development through his businesses and mentoring young people to enter the business space and become successful future business leaders.

We therefore find these insinuations misleading and slanderous and wish to inform the public that there's no connection whatsoever between the alleged Peter Simbi Phiri of Congress for Democrats and Executive Chairman **Mr. Simbi Ashan Phiri** of Khato Civils.

This is not the first time these people have published material aimed at damaging **Mr. Simbi Ashan Phiri's** image. Without a doubt, we will vigorously pursue the people behind these malicious publications, and they will be found and taken to court and their identity and faces will be exposed.

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