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COURT FORFEITS TO STATE LUSAMBO'S PROPERTIES

The Economic and Financial Crimes Division of the Subordinate Court, has forfeited to the State former Lusaka Province Minister Bowman Lusambo's four (4) houses worth US \$378,000 and a black Range Rover valued at K3,000,000 which were illicitly acquired.

The forfeiture comes in the wake of a criminal conviction-based forfeiture application made by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) to forfeit the properties following the conviction of the former Kabushi lawmaker.

In her ruling on Monday 27th January, 2025, the presiding Magistrate Hon. Faides Hamaundu stated that having considered the application made by the State to forfeit the properties in count two, seven, eight, nine and 10 and having convicted the first respondent on count two, seven, eight, nine and 10, she found that the properties in the said counts were tainted as established before the court.

She therefore, ordered the forfeiture of a black Range Rover valued at K3,000,000 in count two, properties HT: T3 HN#:248 worth US\$60, 000 count seven, property HT: T3 HN#:249 worth US\$60, 000 in count eight, property HT: T3 HN#:282 worth US\$128, 000 in count nine; and property HN#:357 worth US\$130, 000 in count 10 to the State. The forfeiture is pursuant to Section 4 and 6(1) as read with Section 10 of the Forfeiture of Proceeds of Crime Act No. 19 of 2010.

The Commission in 2022, arrested and charged Lusambo and his wife for corrupt acquisition of properties, reasonably suspected of being proceeds of crime.

And on 8th November last year, the Economic Financial Crimes Court convicted Lusambo and sentenced him to four (4) years imprisonment with hard labour for the same offence and acquitted his wife on all the charges. The Commission then proceeded to make a criminal conviction-based forfeiture application which was granted leading to this forfeiture. The Commission is delighted with the ruling, and will not relent to pursue and recover any property illicitly acquired and return these to the people of Zambia who are the rightful owners.

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