



Powering The Nation

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **DUO SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS FOR VANDALISM**

In another definitive ruling that underscores a zero-tolerance approach towards the destruction of public property, the High Court for Zambia has sentenced two individuals to ten years imprisonment with hard labour for vandalism.

On 2 September 2025, before Honourable Judge C. Kafunda, Samson Phiri and Adrian Banda were found guilty on seven counts of vandalism. The successful conviction was secured through a collaborative effort between ZESCO and the National Prosecution Authority.

“This conviction serves as a stern warning to would-be offenders that ZESCO, in collaboration with law enforcement agencies, will prosecute perpetrators of such crimes to the fullest extent of the law,” warned ZESCO Senior Manager, Special Duties and Investigations, Ben Mwanamakwa.

The conviction comes at a time when the Corporation is battling a surge in the vandalism of its installations. During this week alone, ZESCO recorded 46 vandalism incidents, representing a 6% increase from the 43 cases reported in the previous week.

Overall, for last week, 63 security-related cases were reported, leading to property losses estimated at K1.76 million. Through the combined efforts of security personnel and community members, property valued at K435,000 was recovered. In the same period, 14 arrests were made and two convictions secured.

“Vandalism and theft of electricity infrastructure not only result in significant financial losses but also disrupt electricity supply to homes, businesses, and essential services, undermining economic development and public safety,” lamented Mwanamakwa.

ZESCO commends communities for their continued collaboration in fighting vandalism and encourages members of the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity around electricity installations to the nearest Zambia Police station or ZESCO office.

**Issued by**

**Corporate Affairs Department**

**22 September 2025**