

Machinga Hospital achieves excellence in infection prevention

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The Ministry of Health has recognised Machinga District Hospital for achieving excellence in infection prevention and reproductive health.

Speaking at the recognition ceremony at Machinga Community ground on Friday, Minister of Health Professor David

Mphande said the country is trying to reduce hospital acquired infections (HAIs) through implementation of infection prevention and control standards.

"HAIs are among the major causes of morbidity and mortality among patients, clients and health care workers. I am reliably informed that infection is one of the major causes of maternal

mortality in this country," Mphande said.

He also said it is pleasing that all government hospitals and selected Christian Health Association of Malawi (Cham) facilities have integrated prevention of infection in all aspects of health service delivery.

"It is our expectation that this intervention will reduce morbidity and mortality related to hospital

acquired infection, thereby contributing towards achievement of the Malawi Growth and Development Goals (MGDS)," Mphande said.

He said the 2010 Malawi Demographic Health Survey showed that Malawi is making progress in the health sector as evidenced by the decline in infant mortality rate and maternal mortality rate.

Machinga is health implementing interventions facilities have achieved recognition.

Machinga is a four hospitals qualified for recognition status in infection prevention and reproductive standards.

The event was marked with poems, traditional music and band performance.

Kosovo hails Malawi support



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The Kosovo government has thanked Malawi for recognising Kosovo's sovereignty.

James Berisha, a pilot from Kosovo, who embarked on a flying mission two years ago to thank countries that have accepted Kosovo's independence, told *The Nation* yesterday he has already visited 81 countries. He arrived in the country on Sunday.

Serbia took Kosovo to the International Court of Justice, disputing its sovereignty but the court ruled in favour of Kosovo.

Out of the 192 countries, only 75,

including Malawi, have recognised Kosovo's independence.

"The government of Kosovo has given me 42 letters to distribute to African countries that have not recognised our sovereignty. But as for Malawi and other countries, my visit is to show our appreciation for your support. We remember well how you sent police and military personnel for peacekeeping activities in those trying times. Our government will never forget. You are a true friend," he said.

Berisha yesterday also met officials at the Foreign Affairs Ministry to express his country's gratitude. ■

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Berisha: We are grateful

MBC empowers CZ radio listening clubs

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The Development Broadcasting Unit (DBU) of Malawi Broadcasting Corporation (MBC) on Wednesday donated radio sets and recording machines to Talandira and Msopera radio listening clubs in Chiradzulu.

DBU project manager Emmanuel Thuwala said the equipment will assist communities to demand



Dedza arrested defiling 2-year-

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Police in Dedza have arrested Levis Mauasiyana (88) for allegedly molesting a two-year-old baby. Dedza Police spokesperson Edward Kabango said the suspect was arrested last week at Chimbi Trading Centre in the district.

Kabango said the victim's mother discovered that the baby had been defiled in the morning of May 26, 2011, after noticing that the child's private parts were swollen.

He said the suspect denied defiling the child but his 14-year-old grandson testified against him, saying he saw him committing the crime.

The grandson said he