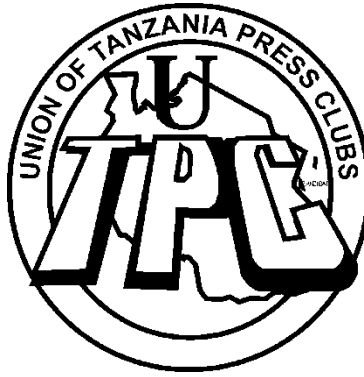


UNION OF TANZANIA PRESS CLUBS



THE CHARTER ESTABLISHING THE DAUD MWANGOSI MEDIA
SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

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1. Introduction

Daudi Mwangosi, former Iringa Press Club (IPC) Chair, was killed by the Police Force on 2nd September, 2012 at Nyololo village, Mufindi district, in Iringa region, while on duty.

He met his death when he was executing journalistic obligations, making him the first practitioner to die tragically in Tanzania at the hands of a law-enforcing officer, while reporting a political function for television.

Considering the sensitivity of this particular incident, UTPC Board of Directors had, during its 12th meeting held on 5th October, 2012, passed a resolution to establish “Daudi Mwangosi’s Media Support and Development Fund, which among other things, will award journalists through its Heroic Journalism and Servanthood Excellence Award” to be presented annually at a ceremony slated for 2nd September, in remembrance of the day when the late Mwangosi was brutally killed. The Fund will be officially launched as part of activities to mark the World Freedom Day, at Naura Springs Hotel on 3rd May 2013.

The aforesaid award will be presented, for the first time, at a short ceremony to take place on 2nd September, 2013, an occasion which will coincide with UTPC Members General Meeting (MGM).

2. Background information

Incidents of journalists and advocates of human rights, being beaten, injured or killed and their properties destroyed are increasing in our country. The culmination of all these atrocities, is the brutal killing of Daud Mwangosi, under the hands of police officers, the same officials who were supposed to protect him.

Despite efforts and measures of security agencies to contain the situation, indicators are showing brutal and criminal acts are increasing unabated.

Hence, the Union of Tanzania Press Clubs, UTPC, is establishing this Fund hereinafter known as the Daud Mwangosi Media Support and

Development Fund, as a positive response in a bid to create safer environment, for the journalists to operate.

3. Objectives of the Fund

This Fund will have the following objectives:-

- a) To recognize the sacrifices of journalists and other human rights advocates, in safe guarding freedom of information, freedom of the press and ethical reportage.
- b) To provide legal support to those journalists, who have been taken to court or being imprisoned, simply because of their resolve to promote freedom of the media, and fight against various malpractices in public and private sectors.
- c) To provide medical services to those journalists, who are injured in the course of their duties, whether by accidents or by criminal acts.
- d) To provide scholarships for higher learning for those journalists who have excelled in their journalism carriers.

4. Modalities

The Fund will be registered and will be under the care of the UTPC Board of Directors. Various organizations, state and non state actors, development partners, business people and international philanthropists will be requested to contribute to the fund.

5. Procedures

The Fund will have its own procedures and eligibility requirements for its operations. UTPC Board of Directors will establish a Search Committee, which will be responsible for selecting the Winner of the Award and the eligible candidates for financial, legal and medical support. All donation should be directed to the Executive Director Union of Tanzania Press Clubs, P.o. Box 314 Mwanza Tanzania or via our account Union of Tanzania Press Club, Daudi Mwangosi Media Support Fund, Account **No 0150054123700 CRDB Bank PLC**, Mwanza Branch.

6. Criteria

There will be two set of criteria as shown below:-

6.1. Criteria for Daud Mwangosi Heroic Journalism and Servanthood Excellence Award.

- a) Should be an indigenous journalism practitioner working within the country.
- b) Should be working with such media as print (newspapers, publications) or electronic (radio, tv, digital/tv pictures) outlets.
- c) Should be either a leader of any media organization, a public servant or an employee from a private sector who has always excelled at enhancing journalism profession or media industry in Tanzania.
- d) Anybody with qualifications as per criteria **(a- c)**, is eligible for consideration for getting this award provided he/she has met any of the following requirements:-
 - i) He/she will sustain injuries or be killed in the course of fulfilling journalistic obligations or championing the press freedom within Tanzania.
 - ii) He/she will contribute towards bringing about remarkable policy and legal changes in the country.
 - iii) He/she will be injured or be killed in the course of pursuing activities not directly related to his/her profession. But such an ordeal or death will be linked either to his/her professional stance or day-to-day chores or those closely related to journalistic assignments.
 - iv) He /she will be remanded in custody or jailed just because of his/her position in advocating freedom of the press.
 - v) He/she will be denied employment or business opportunities due to his/her unwavering stance in advocating press freedom.
 - vi) He/she will be a victim of conspiracy meant to harm him/her because of his/her stance in advocating and defending press freedom.

6.1.1. The Award

Anybody who will meet the set requirements and win this award will also get the following prizes:-

- a) Certificate
- b) Cash amounting to Tsh 10,000,000/=

6.2. Criteria for Daudi Mwangosi Media Support and Development Fund.

The criteria for this Fund are:-

- a) A candidate must be a journalist writing for print or electronic media.
- b) He/She must be a journalist working with the United Republic of Tanzania.
- c) He/She must be taken to a legal court or imprisoned, because of his/her acts of discharging the normal journalistic responsibility.
- d) He/She must be injured while discharging his/her normal journalistic responsibility.

7. Approval

The UTPC Board of Directors will have a final decision in approving the decision made by the Search Committee.