PUBLIC NOTICE

SUSPENSION OF THE ONLINE MEDIA SERVICES LICENCES ISSUED TO MWANANCHI COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED T/A THE CITIZEN, MWANANCHI DIGITAL, MWANANCHI AND MWANASPOTI

The Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) is a Government body established under the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority Act, No.12 of 2003, to regulate the Electronic and Postal Communication Services in the United Republic of Tanzania.

On different occasions between 2023 and 2024 TCRA issued online media services licences to Mwananchi Communications Limited t/a *The Citizen, Mwananchi Digital, Mwananchi and Mwanaspoti* for provision of online media services in the United Republic. While providing the licensed services, in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Electronic and Postal Communications (Online Content) Regulations 2020, the licensee is required not to publish prohibited content that include: content that is against the public order, content that aimed to ridicule and harm the reputation, prestige and status of the United Republic.

On 01st October, 2024, Mwananchi Communications Limited published an audio-visual content in social media platforms, content that is prohibited pursuant to Regulation 16 of the Regulations cited above. Further the published content threatens and is likely to affect and harm national unity and social peace of the United Republic.

NOTICE is hereby given to the General Public that, following the publication of the prohibited content, which is a violation of the law, TCRA has suspended the Online Media Services Licences issued to Mwananchi Communications Limited t/a *The Citizen, Mwananchi Digital, Mwananchi and Mwanaspoti* and ordered it to suspend provision of online media services in the United Republic of Tanzania for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this notice, pending other regulatory actions being undertaken.

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