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Truck kills two at Mwanza border

Two people died yesterday at Mwanza Border Post and six others were injured when a truck belonging to Zagaf Transport smashed a stationary bus and three saloon vehicles following brake failure. Mwanza Police Station spokesperson Edwin Kaunda confirmed the accident in an interview. He identified the deceased as a driver of one of the saloons operating as taxis at the border and a two-year-old baby. He said: "The two died while receiving treatment at Mwanza District Hospital while the six that were injured are admitted to the hospital." Meanwhile, driver of the truck, Peter Hora, is in police custody pending investigations. —PRECIOUS KUMBANI, STAFF REPORTER

One dies in road accident in Balaka

A man, whose identity was yet to be established, died in a road accident in Balaka on Monday night while two others sustained head injuries when a motorcycle they were riding hit a lorry along Balaka-Liwonde M8 Road. Confirming the accident, Balaka Police deputy spokesperson Gerald Sumaili said the accident happened at around 10pm when the motorcycle registration BS 4060 coming from Liwonde towards Chingeni hit a lorry that was also heading the same direction. Explained Sumaili: "Following the impact, the rider sustained severe head injuries and died on the spot while the other two passengers sustained head injuries and multiple bruises." He said the lorry, registration BLK 1749, was driven by 35 year-old Samuel Kanyerere of Mponda Village, Traditional Authority (T/A) Nsamala in Balaka. —PRECIOUS KUMBANI, STAFF REPORTER

BCC partners SA institution in urban management

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Blantyre City Council (BCC) has partnered South Africa's Municipal Institute of Learning (Mile) of the Ethekwini Municipality to come up with a framework to be used in spearheading urban development in Blantyre.

BCC director of town planning and estate services Costly Chanza said on Tuesday the framework is going to tackle areas such as management of public open spaces and infrastructure development in Blantyre City.

He was speaking in an interview on the sidelines of a city development strategy, strategic framework workshop at Protea Ryalls in Blantyre. Chanza said management



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Chanza: Most spaces are dilapidated

of public open spaces is an issue that BCC, Ethekwini Municipality and various councils across Africa and Europe have had to deal with lately.

"We have been in touch with these institutions to help us manage our public open spaces. As you are

development, Chanza said the 2015 floods affected most low-income townships of Blantyre City as it was discovered that people use low-cost building materials and sometimes build in fragile places.

Mile technical support programme manager Genevieve Hartley said in a separate interview that part of the institution is about creating, sharing and storing knowledge as well as capacitating other municipalities, particularly in Africa.

"We have worked with Mzuzu City Council since 2010 and when Blantyre City Council saw the improvements that have taken place in Mzuzu, they requested that we come and partner with them and to also walk this path of growth and development together," said Hartley. ■

aware that most of our public open spaces are dilapidated, so we decided to engage our colleagues where similar exercises' have been done before to gain knowledge so that we can rehabilitate these spaces," he said. On infrastructure