

The Times' apology to former president Banda

An article by a freelance reporter about Malawi's former president, Joyce Banda, published by *The Times* on 9 December, is incorrect...



Former Malawian president Joyce Banda. (Image:Wikimedia)

The report, "Joyce Banda fingered in 'Cashgate' scandal", said a warrant had been issued for the arrest of Banda and that the Malawi government had released closed-circuit television footage of private meetings between Banda and "Cashgate" accused Oswald Lutepo to the police anti-corruption bureau.

At the time of going to print yesterday, no warrant for the arrest of Banda had been effected, and the anticorruption bureau refused to say whether one existed.

Banda has dismissed the allegations out of hand, saying that, when she was president, no CCTV cameras had been installed at Malawi's State House.

The Times acknowledges that the article, which did not reflect Banda's point of view, was incorrect, and apologises unconditionally.

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