

# MALAWI:

## Hunted for her body parts

Ten-year-old Annie Alfred wants to be a nurse when she grows up but those dreams may never come true. Although she is like any other child in Malawi, some people believe her body has magic powers.



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Annie was born with albinism. Albinism is a condition that prevents skin cells from producing enough colour.

Like other people with albinism in Malawi, Annie is called names like “ghost” or “money”. Some people want to steal her hair or worse, her bones. She could be killed for her body parts by people who think this will make them rich. About 7,000–10,000 people like Annie are at risk.

Attacks on people with albinism have been increasing since November 2014. In 2015, there were 45 reports of actual or attempted murder and abduction.

People like Annie have nowhere safe to go. It isn't just criminals who will kidnap them, but family members, too. They think that people with albinism are gold that can be snatched and sold.

**Annie and others with albinism need the full protection of the law. Insist that Malawi protects people with albinism from being murdered.**

*All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.*

*Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.*

*No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment.*

*Articles 1, 3 and 5,  
Universal Declaration  
of Human Rights*

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## Unleash your pens and keyboards!

### Please write to the president of Malawi.

- ◆ Start with Dear President.
- ◆ Describe who you are and what concerns you about the dangers that Annie and other people with albinism face every day.
- ◆ Urge him to protect people with albinism and show that crimes against people like Annie will be met with the full weight of the law.

### Send your message to

Professor Arthur Peter Mutharika  
Office of the President and Cabinet  
Private Bag 301  
Capital City, Lilongwe 3  
Malawi

Postage: \$2.50  
Fax: 011 265 1 773 954 or  
011 265 1 789 273  
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### Please send a copy to

His Excellency Necton Darlington Mhura  
High Commissioner for Malawi  
2408 Massachusetts Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20008, USA

Postage: \$1.20  
Fax: 1 202 721 0288  
Via website: <http://www.malawiembassy-dc.org/index.php?page=contact-us>



Here is Annie with her classmates at school

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### Show your support for people with albinism

You could tell them you have asked the president to protect them. You could send them your messages of friendship and support by email or use \$2.50 postage. Please use large lettering because people with albinism often have eyesight problems.

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