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Malawi’s Supreme Court ruled that the death penalty is unconstitutional.

**The death penalty has been abolished in Malawi.**

This major win happened because of a case brought forward by Charles Khoviwa, a Reprieve and Malawi Legal Aid Bureau client.

Charles spent decades on death row in Malawi. He should have been entitled to a resentencing hearing when Malawi abolished the mandatory death penalty in 2007, but he was denied that right in 2017 because of a procedural issue.

**Thanks to you and the rest of the Reprieve community, Charles appealed** to Malawi's Supreme Court to challenge that decision. In a 8-1 verdict, the Court ruled that Charles and anyone else sentenced to the mandatory death penalty should be granted a resentencing hearing within 21 days.

The court also ruled that the death penalty is unconstitutional in Malawi, paving the way for many others to be released from death row.

**This outcome seemed almost impossible** when Reprieve investigators, lawyers and campaigners started working in Malawi almost a decade ago.

But thanks to you, and together with our partners on the ground in Malawi, we supported 156 people to be resentenced. Among them, none were resentenced to death. In fact, 146 have been released - and hopefully Charles will be next.

**This project made clear that the death penalty is futile** and has no place in modern Malawi.

Malawi’s Supreme Court has proven that justice is always possible.

Thank you for being a part of this change, and for continuing to fight for justice everywhere.