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GAY COUPLE SENTENCED TO 14 YEARS IN PRISON IN MALAWI(SBU) The court imposed the maximum sentence against the couple, accusing them of unnatural acts and gross indecency, according to press. Embassy Lilongwe notes the decision reflects strong sentiment across the country opposing gay rights, adding the information minister stated the government was pleased with the conviction. (Ops/Embassy Lilongwe telcon, AP)