

## Message of congratulations from Alec Douglas-Home to Hastings Kamuzu Banda (3 July 1964)

**Caption:** In a telegram dated 3 July 1964, the Commonwealth Relations Office sends the Malawi Government a message of congratulations from British Prime Minister Alec Douglas-Home to Malawi Prime Minister Hastings Kamuzu Banda for the country's independence on 6 July 1964.

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*Rhodesia of Nyasaland  
Malawi Independence*

**Outward Telegram from Commonwealth Relations Office**

TO: ZOMBA (GOV.)

(Sent 18.10 hours 3rd July, 1964)

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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL TELEGRAM

SERIAL No T. 270/64

MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER

Grateful convey following message from Prime Minister to Dr. Banda on 6th July - "On this historic day in the life of your country, we share your pride on Malawi's attainment of sovereign status, and it gives me great pleasure to send you this message of friendship and goodwill from the British Government.

It is our hope and wish that the happy relations between our countries, based on mutual confidence and understanding, will continue to prosper in the years ahead, and we look forward to working yet more closely with you as equal partners within the Commonwealth.

On behalf of myself and my colleagues, I take this opportunity to convey to you our sincerest wishes for the success and happiness of your country.

Alec Douglas-Home."

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