

Cleric convicted of contravening Medicines Act

A Zimbabwean court has convicted a popular self-styled prophet on fraud charges and fined him \$700 for falsely claiming he had a herbal cure for HIV and Aids. Walter Magaya pleaded guilty to contravening the Medicines Control Act by selling an unapproved drug. [BBC News](#) reports that Magaya is among a group of young, brash and flashy religious figures who have emerged during Zimbabwe's economic crisis, attracting a huge number of followers with promises of 'miracle healing and miracle money'. **He told his congregation last October that the drug would destroy the Aids virus within 14 days.**