Repairs that cannot wait



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As the economy gets tight, many focus on scaling back on some expenses and the causalities will include but not limited to car repairs.

As many reorganise their budgets, basic expenses such as changing car oil or repairing brake pads become a luxury.

However, while there might be no room to accommodate certain expenses, you might want to think twice before you decide to delay some car repairs.

There are repairs that cannot wait and the best option is, if you cannot accommodate them, park the car to avoid costly damages.

Cars, just like humans, have needs some of which are major and others minors. While some repairs can wait, others such as the ones listed below cannot and must be attended to immediately.

Headlight repairs

You have seen motorists driving with on one headlamp beaming through the night darkness. This is quite dangerous and is a serious threat to you and other road users.

Such cars present blurred visibility to oncoming traffic and many drivers can mistake it for a motorcycle.

In such circumstances, if you really cannot help, drive with an indicator on the side of the faulty headlamp, which shows oncoming drivers of the presence of a car on the road.

Transmission troubles

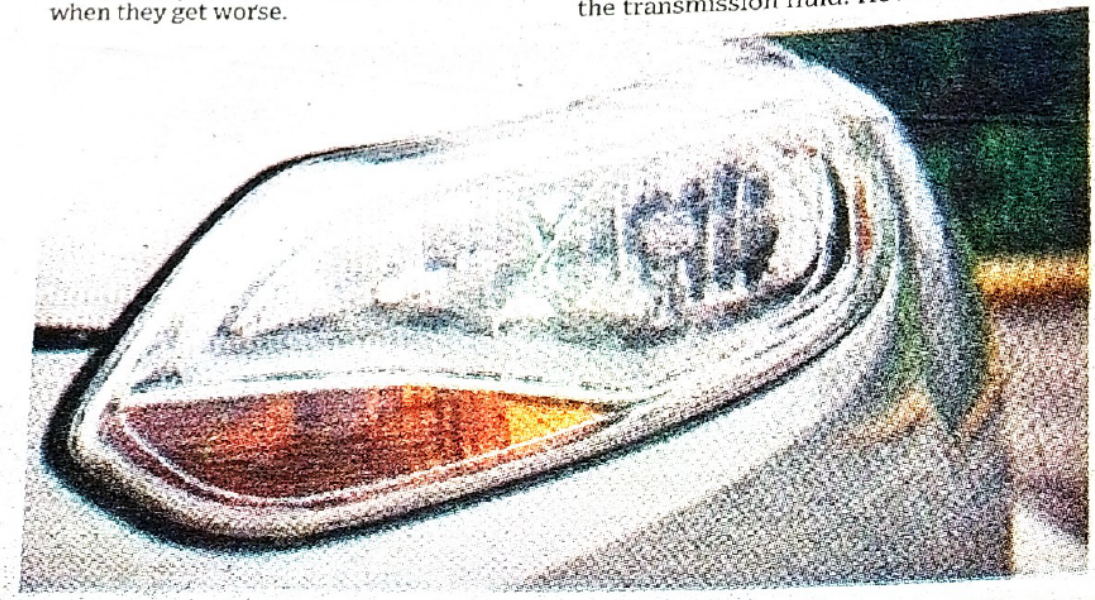
According to Suleiman Setimba, a mechanic on Salaama Road, transmission problems cannot wait and must be attended to as soon you notice them.

Troubles related to transmission or the gear system, Setimba says, are risky to neglect because you can be stranded when they get worse.

"A car without a properly functioning transmission system is just as good as a metal box and when it gets stranded it will need major servicing and repairs, which might turn out expensive," he says.

Symptoms of transmission problems, according to Setimba, include awkward shifts, increase in reluctance to shift and transmission slipping while engaging gears, among others.

"If they are checked before it gets worse you might only need to replace the transmission fluid. However, it is also



A crack on a windscreen can turn disastrous. Therefore, repair it as soon as you notice.