

Barotseland Petition sends shivers and jitters in Zambian government circles

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The Zambian government is said to be gripped by shivers and jitters after receiving the 258 page document of Forensic Evidence and Arguments from The African Commission of Human and Peoples Rights (ACHPR) earlier submitted by Barotseland to the ACHPR. The government is expected to respond to the Evidence and Arguments within a period that is believed to lapse on Saturday 22nd February, 2014. The Sata led PF government switched into panic mode this week as they realise that the time is slipping away without any tangible progress towards their response to the ACHPR.

On Monday 17th February, 2014 the Litunga of Barotseland was air lifted from an unknown place in Barotseland (Most likely Kaoma) to the Zambian State House for a crucial meeting the same day. The meeting was also attended by the president Mr Michael Chilufya Sata, first republican president Dr. Kenneth Kaunda, UNIP Cowboy Sikota Wina, former Induna Ingangwana Mr Nyambe Mwenda and Attorney General Mr Mumba Malila.

The main agenda of this emergency meeting was to find ways to halt the matter that is now before the ACHPR which is based in Banjul, The Gambia. His Majesty, the Litunga Lubosi Imwiko II is reported to have not minced his words during the meeting but clearly stated that the matter is far beyond him and there is nothing that he could do because it is in the hands of the people since in Barotseland power is with the people. He said that it is up to the political establishment and powers that be to find a way of swaying the opinion in Barotseland so that the people can have a change of heart and rescind their resolve to accept the Zambian government's abrogation of the Barotseland Agreement 1964 and determine their own destiny, independent of the Republic of Zambia.

The Zambian government team expressed utter surprise at the depth of the 258 paged document of 'Evidence and Arguments' which was in government hands and accused the Litunga to have aided in the compilation of the document using files from the palace. The Litunga replied that he has no such files at the palace and he is equally amazed at the richness of information contained in the document. The 'Judas Iscariot' duo of Sikota Wina and

Nyambe Mwenda was then tasked to venture into Barotseland to try and work their magic to convince the people of Barotseland to rethink the Banjul issue and allow the Zambian government to continue their illegal occupation and administration of Barotseland. The duo, who are well known for their love for 'Thirty pieces of Silver', accepted the challenge and pointed out that the errand is an extremely dangerous venture, which cannot be done openly. Therefore, some strategy to disguise the operation must be muted.

A proposal was floated to have Hon Clement Wainyae Sinyinda re-arrested since he is in the fore front of actualizing Barotseland statehood. The Attorney General, Mr Mumba Malila advised against such a move pointing out that it would only add to the evidence of abuse already before the ACHPR.

Reliable sources have indicated that Zambia Police Deputy Inspector General Dr Solomon Jere, in the company of former Police Commissioner for Western Province Fanwell Siandenge, was yesterday (18th February, 2014) dispatched to Banjul to try and find a way to turn things around. It will be recalled that it is these two who jointly commanded the January 14, 2011 massacre of when 19 peaceful protesters were killed by trigger-happy cops, dozens more were wounded and maimed for life, at least 5 more are missing to date and more than 160 others were arrested on trumped up charges of treason.

In another development Police officers yesterday, 18th February 2014, went to Hon Sinyinda's residence and questioned him over allegations that he travelled to Lukulu to influence the people there to grab the land that the BRE gave to the Council.

The people of Barotseland are advised to be alert and not allow themselves to be cheated by the 'Judas Iscariot' duo of Sikota Wina and Nyambe Mwenda who are believed to have already received the 'Thirty Pieces of Silver' in line with the PF Slogan of 'more money in your pockets' in order to confuse and derail the course of justice that has commenced in Banjul.