

PRESS RELEASE

Zambian government's desperation over the people of Barotseland's Banjul petition

by the Barotse National Freedom Alliance Executive Committee

Following recent rumors concerning Government of Zambia (GRZ)'s maneuverings on the matter of Barotseland's petition at the African Commission for Human and Peoples Rights (ACHPR), based in Banjul, the Barotse National Freedom Alliance (BNFA) has reliably learnt that the Zambian delegation has returned from Banjul, having delivered a pledge from GRZ to resolve the issue of Barotseland by March 15, 2014. If at all this is true, this in itself amounts to additional evidence in our favor delivered by GRZ itself in Banjul, whereby, they pledged to interfere with the petitioners. In the alternative, they could have asked for more time, thereby availing themselves enough room to continue interfering with the petitioners, in particular the Barotse authorities. GRZ objective is to force the petitioners to withdraw the matter, realizing that it has no grounds what-so-ever to counter the compelling evidence submitted by the BNFA and the Barotse authorities.

At this point, it is not clear how GRZ intends to achieve its intended objective outside interfering with the petitioners ó save to say that this should teach GRZ a lesson that a government that does not listen to the voices of the people or one whose only weapon to deal with diversity of opinion is to mete out violence against innocent people over which it has no jurisdiction, will one day cook in its own stew. That day had finally come for GRZ. The process in Banjul does not depend on one, or a few individuals. It is a broad-based initiative, wholly in the hands of the masses of our people. Bribing one individual, or a few, will not stop the momentum of this movement.

We are aware that there are traitors and crooks who will step forward for personal gain and aggrandizement to work with GRZ against the wishes and aspirations of the people of Barotseland. However, the BNFA has full trust in the integrity of the ACHPR. We do not believe that they can be easily tricked by the works and practices of an evil, corrupt and illegitimate GRZ, assisted by blood stained dishonest agents and non-repentant crooks. The ACHPR functions as a court of law where hard and verifiable forensic evidence is key.

The people of Barotseland have submitted compelling evidence to the Commission ó sufficient enough to secure a favorable outcome. The people of Barotseland have already spoken and have resolved to secure complete freedom for themselves and their yet unborn offspring. Be warned that those traitors who will make the mistake of cooperating with GRZ must know that the truth always has a way of bubbling to the surface. Very soon, they'll also bubble to the surface and end up in the Barotseland museum of shame. To all the freedom-loving people of Barotseland, we appeal to you all to stand on the right side of history because our day of freedom is nigh. There is no surrender. Our match to the finish line is unstoppable; neither is it reversible.
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