

As the rest of Zambia moves to celebrate their 50th Jubilee of a failed state, the British hesitate to boldly take their historical position

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Zambia's first president, Kenneth Kaunda, and successive Zambian politicians have been shouting an empty slogan of "one Zambia, one nation" as their way of running away and hiding from their own deceitful actions. There has never been a "One Zambia, One Nation", as Kaunda would want us to believe--what a deceitful, old man who once was fond of calling his own people "stupid idiots"! Kaunda never united Zambia but ceded Barotseland from the rest of Northern Rhodesia when he and his parliament unilaterally abrogated [the Barotseland Agreement 1964](#) (BA'64) in 1969. As a matter of fact, he never ratified the BA'64, meaning the unitary state of Zambia was stillborn, thereby, making Zambia a failed state from the very beginning.

Recently, Zambia failed to submit counter-evidence to [the Barotseland's Banjul petition](#) and is most unlikely to append its signature to [the BNFA Hague Permanent Arbitration Court process](#), an act which, in effect, is a clear admission of guilt. [The abrogation of the BA'64](#) not only initiated but clearly facilitated the disengagement of Barotseland from Zambia. However, this process was delayed by Barotseland's non-acceptance of the status quo, until March 27, 2012, following [the Barotse National Council Resolutions](#) that finally ratified the abrogation. We thank Kaunda for his bold action to free us from a worthless marriage between two opposites and ask the rest of Zambia to stand by him and honorably vacate Barotseland.

As the rest of Zambia moves to celebrate their 50th Jubilee of a failed state, which is due in merely four months from now, the British are still hesitating to boldly take up their historical position and prepare Barotseland for independence--for with the acceptance of the said abrogation, Barotseland automatically reverted to its pre-Zambia independence status of a British protectorate. The British should complete a task they started barely half a century ago as Zambia has no moral and legal right to continue interfering in the affairs of Barotseland.