

Zambian government drags the Litunga to Lusaka in desperate move to avoid BNFA international arbitration

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Once the Barotse National Council, the highest organ of policy and decision making in Barotseland, has taken a stand as it did on March 27, 2012, neither the Litunga nor the government of Zambia can change that position. Upon [the March 27, 2012 BNC Resolutions](#) is anchored [the Barotseland Banjul petition](#) and [the BNFA PCA process](#) at The Hague. It comes to us without surprise that President Sata and his government have yet again dragged the Litunga to state house in Lusaka in their desperation to run away from the international court processes. How many times is the Litunga going to allow himself to be abused over a matter that is not in his hands? We wish to remind the government of Zambia that dragging his Majesty to Lusaka or conniving with anyone from Barotseland is tantamount to interfering with the litigants, which shall be used as further evidence against them. In the Barotse custom and tradition, dragging the Litunga to Lusaka is but a continuation of insults of the Litungaship and the people of Barotseland that the BNC warned against. If the President and government of Zambia stripped the Litunga and the people of Barotseland of their powers and rights, as they claim to have done, why do they continue to be so expectant of deliverance by him from their self-inflicted quagmire over [the Barotseland Agreement 1964](#)? Why try to hide from international court processes?

We challenge the Zambian government to stop this harassment and let the people of Barotseland build and operate their statehood institutions in peace. Zambia should instead devote their energies to defending themselves in international courts. Dragging the Litunga to Lusaka will not help them in anyway. We wish to take this opportunity to timely warn the Litunga and Namuso not to allow themselves to be sitting ducks for their worst enemy who claims to have stripped them of their powers and rights over the past 50 years—to whom they, unfortunately, keep running for help while he waits to finish them off at the right moment, with food poisoning, intimidation and continued destruction of the Barotse governance institutions being some of the preferred options in order to hide the scheme from the international community.