

MULUSA TO FORM OWN PARTY

...as he complains of
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secession campaign

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Former Movement for Multiparty Democracy MMD Solwezi Central Member of Parliament Lucky Mulusa is said to be working undercover strategising on the possibility of forming his own political party.

Mr Mulusa who was recently dropped from the MMD NEC on grounds of egotism to the party leadership is reportedly positioning himself in readiness for the launch of his own political party ahead of the 2016 general elections.

The new political party is said to target mainly youths and it will prioritise job creation for the youths in the bid to eradicate poverty.

But when contacted for a comment Mr. Mulusa could either deny or confirm the development, instead hiding his plot in a long held dream to govern the country. He said the wish of forming a political party was not his but was prompted by long-suffering ordinary Zambians'.

"If people propose to me to form a political party, I cannot say yes or no, just like that, first of all I will need to carry out my own consultations and if people overwhelmingly see it appropriate that I should have my own party then I would contemplate to do it," said Mr Mulusa.

And Mr Mulusa has complained of being sidelined in the crusade to push for Barotseland secession by the activists. He said the Barotseland secession campaign had only focussed on certain parts of the county sidelining the North-western and Copperbelt provinces.

The former parliamentarian said that the perimeter of Barotseland covers all areas in the western side of the rail line but wondered why people of North Western and Copperbelt Provinces were isolated in the push for Barotseland independence.

"I do well with easterners, I do well with southerners and all people of Zambia accept people from Western Province. The only problem I have with people of Western Province is that they have discriminated me from participating in their campaigns for Independence in Barotseland," he said.

And asked whether he has the intentions to petition his removal from the MMD NEC Mr Mulusa said he has no such ideas because he does not want to associate himself with people who are allergic to progressive ideas.

Mr Mulusa said even if he was to be persuaded to reconsider his decision and reconcile with the party leadership he would not consent because there a lot of problems in the MMD National Executive Committee of the party than people can see from afar. He said his passion and goodwill for the party had been disturbed

adding that now he feels relieved from the pressure of being involved in party activities.

Mr Mulusa further alleged that most of the people occupying positions in NEC were single handily appointed by party president Dr Nevers Sekwila Mumba and that everything they do was to impress Victory Ministries International founder, who rose to prominence as a televangelist through the 'Zambia Shall Be Saved' series.

"No I am not going to appeal my expulsion from the MMD NEC because the party has died and I cannot see it surviving up to the next general elections. The entire leadership in the party does not have the energy to rejuvenate MMD to the levels it can compete and win an election," he added.

On the issue of Mr Michael Kaingu fancying the Patriotic Front PF Government to win the 2016 general elections, Mr Mulusa said he does not share

similar views to those of Mr Kaingu, while conceding that such possibilities exist.

Mr Mulusa said that Mr Kaingu's comments were meant as a wakeup call motivating other political parties to work hard adding that if just in two years people had already lost trust in the PF, an active and prepared political party could utilise the opportunity and eventually emerge vibrant and win the 2016 election.

He said predictions on which political party will win the 2016 general elections were merely personal imaginations because the status quo in the country's politics might shift within the shortest period.

"It is rather difficult to predict accurately which political party will win elections in 2016, two years is a long time in politics, just like the PF have stumbled in two years of being in office, the same way it can happen to any political party. And I think what Mr Kaingu said about the PF being favourites to win 2016 elections was his personal opinion," said Mr Mulusa.