

President Lungu lectured on Barotseland statehood

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On Thursday 23rd April 2015 at state house in Lusaka, the Barotse National Freedom Alliance Executive Committee delivered their [position statement\(Position statement-html\)](#) on a number of issues surrounding Barotseland statehood to the President of the failed unitary state of Zambia, Mr Edgar Chagwa Lungu. In a [letter\(letter.html\)](#) and the [position statement\(Position statement-html\)](#) backed by forensic evidence comprised in historical documents, the President who has just clocked ninety days in office, is walked through the facts heralding the imminent dissolution of the failed unitary state of Zambia and establishment of a free state of the Kingdom of Barotseland. The move follows the President's public pronouncement in Addis Ababa during the last African Union (AU) Heads of State summit, in which he challenged Barotseland Nationalist groups to pinpoint the boundaries of Barotseland. He further challenged them with the possibility of holding a referendum along the lines of Scotland in the United Kingdom and raised the issue of the Nkoya, a tribe he believes is in favour of being oppressed by the Zambian regime and will not go along with the rest of Barotseland that is forging ahead with the actualization of Barotseland statehood.

The [position statement \(Position statement-html\)](#) is in response to the President's apparent development of cold feet, despite promising in the glare of the world media that he will engage Barotseland on the disengagement process upon his return from Addis Ababa. Before departure for the AU summit the President had spoken in confidence with the BNFA leader, promising that he will deal with the issue amicably and differently in a matter of days and not weeks. However, he has remained mute since his return from Addis Ababa (over three months). Meanwhile, it has been learnt that Mr. Lungu had earlier made promises to a group of Barotse youths who had approached him prior to his election as President that he will deal with the issue of Barotseland and undertook, among other things, to release the Chongwe Commission report on Barotseland which his predecessor had locked away. However, he has not yet released the said report and is most unlikely to do so in an effort to continue deceiving the Zambian people and the international community.