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# Barotse Royal Establishment

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### **PRESS REALEASE BY THE BAROTSE ROYAL ESTABLISHMENT (BRE)**

The Barotse Royal Establishment (BRE) is shocked and dismayed by a malicious and slanderous lead story carried by The POST NEWS PAPER of today 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2012 suggesting that His Majesty The Litunga made a statement against secession when he met a group of Catholic Priests in Limulunga.

This story is utterly malicious because the meeting was called by the kuta to brief the clergy on the circumstances surrounding the resignation of the Ngambela which brought a lot of speculations that had the potential to divide the people of Barotseland.

The meeting was addressed by the Kuta and not The Litunga. And what is more is that the reporter a Mr. Habalu was not present at the meeting. The BRE wishes to challenge Mr. Habalu to name his source or face whatever action the Kuta shall take in defense of the institution of the Litungaship. His majesty The Litunga never uttered such words.

None of the Catholic Priests can attest to such blatant lies. The Litunga merely attended the meeting to receive the briefing of the Kuta on the deliberations with the clergy. He did not make a statement on secession whatsoever. The Litunga does not make any personal statements or take a personal position on the National issues affecting Barotseland. This is the function of the Baroste National Council (BNC) and the Kuta.

The Barotse National Council was summoned by The Litunga and his Kuta and it took months of preparations. The Resolutions of the BNC were presented to The Litunga through the Privy Council of all the senior Chiefs in Western Province, which in turn approved the Resolutions.

- The allegations that are being made against The Litungã that he did not approve of these Resolutions are totally false and malicious. The whole of The BRE system are fully aware that The Litunga fully approved these Resolutions and directed the Kuta to implement them.

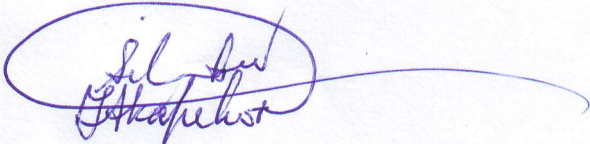
The BRE urges the people of Barotseland to ignore these malicious lies and rally behind the BRE and His Majesty The Litunga.

We take this opportunity to remind the people of Barotseland of the serious commitment they had made through the BNC resolution number 2 that reads as follows:

“That the people of Barotseland shall not, in any way, take kindly to any individual, authority or groups of individuals bringing the institution of the Litungship into public ridicule and disrepute by making derogatory remarks with intent to undermine the authority of The Litunga and Barotse Government.”

This was your commitment, your resolve and your resolution. It is up to you now to protect the reputation of the institution of The Litungship. The Baroste Royal Establishment does not change anyhow.

NO AMOUNT OF MONEY OR SLANDER CAN DIVERT THE BRE'S ATTENTION FROM THE REAL ISSUES AT HAND.



**Induna Inete.**

**For and on behalf of Barotse Royal Establishment.**