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BRE CLARIFIES ITS POSITION ON THE B.A 1964 AGREEMENT.

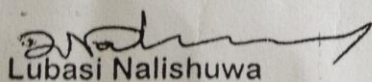
Following numerous press reports and statements that appeared in the Daily Nation Newspaper, the Barotse Royal Establishment (BRE) wishes to clarify its policy position on (BA 1964) Barotse Agreement 1964 and other related issues.

1. Firstly the Barotse Royal Establishment wishes to state that as a Principal Party to the BA 1964, it has the right and the duty to engage various stake holders in an effort to find an amicable and lasting solution to the above issue.
2. In so doing the BRE shall be guided by its long standing principles of DEMOCRACY, PEACE and the RULE of LAW. The BRE shall always strive to observe these principles while upholding the Barotse Traditional Values and Cultural Heritage.
3. The BRE also recognizes that Barotseland is an embodiment of up to 38 various ethnic groups who have Equal Rights to the enjoyment of life in a peaceful and Democratic Barotseland- under the institutionalized wise Leadership of His Majesty the Litunga of Barotseland.
4. The search for an amicable solution must therefore include the harmonization of the aspirations of the various ethnic communities whose embodiment is the essence of the nature of the Barotseland that our Late King Lubosi Lewanika (1842 to 1916) lived to maintain and institutionalized so successfully.
5. Questions have been raised regarding our relationship with an International Organization called UNPO. We wish to state that the BRE hold this International Organization in high esteem. It is our understanding that this Organization of repute, seeks to assist various communities and peoples around the World, who feel marginalized. It is our understanding that UNPO provides this assistance by offering professional and peaceful legal representation. BRE has NOT as yet engaged the services of UNPO.
6. However the use of Legal means to settle disputes is both Honorable and Democratic. It is therefore an option that the BRE wishes to leave open in the event of necessity in Future.

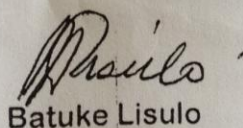
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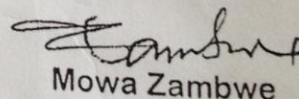
7. BRE is critically aware of the immense frustrations, anxiety and anguish felt by many people in the Western Province over the failure to find an amicable solution to BA 1964. The responsibility for this impasse must be placed with the successive central Governments in Lusaka.
8. While taking cognizance of various interventions made in the past, the BRE wishes to move forward on this matter while it is opportune. Accordingly we are pleased to note that with the change of National Leadership at Central Government level, a new spirit and a fresh approach to BA 1964 has dawned.
9. The BRE wishes to acknowledge the positive and principled pronouncements made by His Excellency President Edgar Chagwa Lungu expressing in clear terms his desire to find an amicable solution to the BA 1964.
10. Responding to international Press queries while attending the AU Summit in Addis Ababa in January 2015, President Chagwa Lungu stated that he was firmly committed to finding an amicable solution to the BA 1964 by engaging in dialogue with the people of Western Province and if need be he would consider conducting a Referendum on the matter. President Chagwa Lungu repeated this commitment in other Local Fora here at home in Zambia.
11. Accordingly the BRE is currently strategizing to engage in PRE-DIALOGUE consultations with stake holders in the Western Province who share this vision and are committed to observance of Democratic Principles, Peace and the Rule of Law. The objective of the Pre dialogue consultations is to agree on dialogue Bench marks.
12. Furthermore, in our quest to achieve full dialogue with the Central Government, the BRE shall seek to involve the broadest possible and practical representation of stake holders. In this regard we wish to appeal for calm restraint and tolerance amongst all stake holders while these delicate matters are being tackled.


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