



# BAROTSE NATIONAL FREEDOM ALLIANCE

March 16, 2018

## OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT LUNGU

Mr. EC Lungu  
Zambia President  
State House  
**Lusaka**

Dear Mr. President,

### **BNFA AND THE PEOPLE OF BAROTSELAND NOT PART OF BAROTSELAND AGREEMENT 1964 RESTORATION DECEPTION**

Sir, it is now time for you to be courageous and honest enough to officially inform the Zambian people and the international community of the failed unitary state of Zambia. All avenues to dialogue between Barotseland and Zambia are officially closed save for the disengagement process at a neutral venue and with an independent arbitrator. Neither yourself nor the Barotse Royal Establishment (BRE) have the mandate and legitimacy over Barotseland affairs.

As a lawyer, you are best placed to explain to the people that your [unilateral abrogation](#) of the [Barotseland Agreement 1964](#) in 1969 reverted the constitutive parties—Barotseland and Northern Rhodesia to their previous status, which should have been followed by the dissolution of the unitary state of Zambia. This process was delayed by the futile attempts of the people of Barotseland to restore the agreement for the past 47 years. Following the action of your government, you responded to the legitimate demands of the Barotse with a heavy hand—annexing the territory of Barotseland and denying them all their human rights, inclusive of the right to self-determination.

On March 27, 2012, the people of Barotseland [accepted](#) the [unilateral abrogation](#) of the [BA'64](#) and declared their right to self-determination. This action Mr. President officially brought any negotiations on the [BA'64](#) to a close. By abrogating the [BA'64](#) your government automatically stripped itself of its obligations over Barotseland. From that time, all the activities that Zambia carried out in Barotseland have been illegal. BRE, a creature of the Zambian government, too, has no authority in Barotseland, especially after the Barotse National Council of 2012. Currently there is a leadership vacuum in Barotseland, which needs to be filled by legitimate Barotseland government as a matter of urgency. Neither you nor BRE have mandate over the affairs of Barotseland. The BNFA as legitimate representatives of the people of Barotseland cannot be part of the restoration deception.

I also take cognizant of your clandestine activities in Barotseland. These include your continued attempts to destroy the Barotse governance system as demonstrated by [Nachimwenda report](#) and current connivance with BRE to deceive the international community on [BA'64](#) restoration against the wishes and aspirations of the people of Barotseland. These activities date back to all your predecessors. I remind you of their dire consequences, together with your continued occupation of Barotseland. I further remind you that the Barotseland governance system is premised on governance of the people by the people for the people. Therefore, what you are doing with BRE does not have the blessing of the people of Barotseland, hence null and void.

If you still have any doubts about your government' cessation of obligations towards Barotseland we challenge, you once again, to sign the [Permanent Court Arbitration agreement submission](#) process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sinonge Lutangu', is centered on the page. The signature is somewhat stylized and appears to be written on a light-colored background.

**Sinonge Lutangu**  
**CHAIRPERSON YOUTH AND PUBLICITY SECRETRY**

cc. All Resident Princes and Princesses  
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