

Barotse National Freedom Alliance (BNFA)

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HIS MAJESTY, THE LITUNGA BRE

Dear Sir,

LEALUE

RE: <u>DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE BAROTSE ROYAL ESTABLISHMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA OVER THE BAROTSE AGREEMENT 1964.</u>

Barotseland was recognized as a nation state in 1905. The king of Italy had arbitrated over the dispute of the boundary of the Barotseland territory with Portuguese West Africa, the conclusion affirmed the boundary of Barotseland country, it had centralized state, cohesion and stability.

Barotseland became a British protectorate in 1890. The British government acknowledged, respect and recognized the sovereignty and political autonomy of Barotseland.

At independence in 1964, Barotseland agreement 1964 was signed. Barotseland agreement 1964 is undoubtedly the foundation of the unitary state of Zambia.

There is no other agreement that unites Barotseland and Northern Rhodesia to make Zambia apart from Barotseland agreement 1964. In 1969 Northern Rhodesia (Zambia) abrogated and nullified the only legal document uniting the former British colony and protectorate, Northern Rhodesia and Barotseland.

This abrogation means the relationship between Zambia and Barotseland ended immediately when the Barotseland agreement 1964 was terminated unilaterally by government of Zambia in 1969.

The Barotse people initiated talks which could have united Barotseland and Northern Eastern Rhodesia but all amounted to nothing. Zambia kept on saying Barotseland agreement 1964 was erased by passage of time and is stale; instead we paid with our blood for our love for unity and co-existence.

From 1965 Barotse people have been killed, maimed, arrested, tortured, intimidated and detained without trial for merely demanding to implement the Barotseland agreement 1964, which was already concluded and signed in London so that we could be part of Zambia.

BRE has heard GRZ saying the Litunga is a Chief like any other chief in Zambia. Which people in the world would tolerate and allow themselves to be taken as cheap commodity? The problem we are facing in Barotseland today is an outcome of deliberate unwritten Zambia government policy to erase Barotseland state from the face of the world.

Zambia is an illegal entity and absolute tyranny over Barotseland's territory and rights. At this point we wish to tell the Barotse Royal Established that, the Barotseland agreement 1964 was born on 16th May, 1964 and died in 1969. It was killed by Zambian government, so, we can no longer be obliged to honour an international agreement that Zambia governments has nullified and abrogated, and Barotseland has automatically reverted to our original status.

It was against that background that the peoples of Barotseland, through the March, 2012 Barotse National Council (BNC), resolved to accept the repudiation of the Barotseland agreement 1964 and , therefore, set in motion the process of separating the territories of Barotseland and the rest of Zambia

After the Barotse National Council the Barotse people and political activist groups at home and abroad met and voted Mr.Clement Wainyae Sinyinda to be the leader of barotse National Freedom Alliance an umbrella organization which brings together all serious activist groups and individuals at home and abroad to actualize Barotseland statehood. The BRE should know that the people of Barotseland are aware that them, BRE has failed to resolve the Barotseland agreement 1964 since 1964.

Throughout Zambia's history GRZ has never been reliable and trusted. That's why today, we are telling BRE to stop GRZ that they should mind their own business and not interfere in Barotseland's internal affairs.

BRE should remind GRZ that they have failed to honour genuine agreement which was signed by three countries, Barotseland, Northern Rhodesia and Britain. The Barotseland agreement was declared by Zambia, stale and was erased by passage of time. Why should BRE trust such un reliable friend? If Zambia can fail to respect an international treaty, can they respect local arrangement, a dialogue between Western Province (BRE) and a country- Zambia, and BRE expect the people of Barotseland to follow cowardly and blindly and participate!

If BRE fails to do away with Zambia then we shall conclude that;

- 1. BRE are traitors
- 2. BRE are individually benefiting from Barotseland agreement 1964.
- 3. BRE are enjoying seeing people of Barotseland suffer miserably.
- 4. BRE fear GRZ that, maybe they will be arrested for reasons known to them.

We are reminding the BRE that, before 1964 Barotseland was strong and dependable country and that's why chief sekute saw it fit to write a letter to the District commissioner, the time Barotseland agreement was being negotiated. The commissioner was in Kalomo, Southern Province on 29/12/1961. And I quote first and fourth paragraphs of his letter.

- 1.We, the Leya Chiefs, and our people have the honor to write and submit our petition, to the Government through you, in which we ask to join the Barotseland protectorate constitutional treaties, as has been the case long before.
- 4. We have a strong belief and confidence that the Litunga and his Government (Barotse Native Government) will gladly accept us and care for us in the same way as it was in the past, if only the territorial government allows us to join the protectorate.

With these few quotes from chiefs Sekute's letter 1961 we are able to note that:

- (a) There was Litunga and Barotse Native government (BNG) noT BRE.
- (b) Barotseland was a big country not province
- (c) Barotseland as a country was able to protect itself.
- (d) The wishes of the people of Barotseland are the same everywhere in Barotseland. These wishes apply to the past, present and future. We are giving a friendly advice to BRE that the Dialogue they have announced is poison to us. As earlier stated BRE should tell Zambians true position of the Barotse people that Barotseland is independent because we have reverted to our old status BRE should know that names like BRE, Zambia, are all; fake, that's why we are requesting BRE to revert also, to avoid suspicious.

As at now BRE is an alien among its people. That's why, when BRE bring the issue of dialogue with Zambian government, Barotse people get surprised and are left I n quandary because Barotse people know that Barotseland agreement 1964 was killed before it was born. The Barotseland agreement was supposed to unite Barotseland and Northern Rhodesia, but it is dead and buried in 1969. It was killed by Northern Rhodesia (Zambia).

The dialogue between Western Province and Zambia 2018 is none starter and fooling, and does not apply and serve the interest of the people of Barotseland. We don't want it.

What the BRE must do now is :-

- 1. BRE should revert to Barotse National government (BNG)
- 2. Respect Barotse National councils.
- 3. Respect Barotse National council 2012 resolutions.
- 4. Call Barotse National council (PIZO)
- 5. Barotse National government should work with Barotse National Freedom Alliance which is respecting the 2012 BNG Resolutions and is known to world.
- 6. The Ngambela should work with BNFA leader Mr.Sinyinda to actualize the independence of Barotseland than bothering people with a poisonous dialogue.

 That is what the people of Barotseland want.

Shangwe BNFA Kazubngula Regional Committee.

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