

## THE CHAIRMAN

### THE PRESENTATION OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS SENIOR CHIEF AMUKENA 11 TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL 2019

This Privy Council could not have come at a better time and right time than this time when even the word Barotseland has become offensive to the Zambian Parliament. The term Barotse once more has become so offensive and inimical to Zambia just as it was before 2012. This can be confirmed by the recent media developments culminating between the Zambian Authority and BRE which I wish to draw your attention to. You may agree with me that any one in our positions as Chiefs, any reasonable and patriotic Mulozi will now be aware of Barotseland's precarious position and that Barotseland is targeted left and right. The Zambian Government and its arms of Governance are geared to cripple the BRE as they did to BNG. If there are Doubting Thomases within BRE who have as yet not seen the clear writing on the wall, they urgently need medical help.

We have labored to include some circulating media readings that directly affect us as a Nation.

- (1) National Amendment Bill No 10. Although the intention of the whole Bill is not in the interest of Zambia as a Nation, articles 149 and 165 are reminiscent to our situation as Buluzi.
- (2) "Blame your Litunga not me" This media circulating lacks authoritative and may be dismissed as mere speculations. Many of us who have read the media strongly believe that BRE has been smeared with indelible iniquity that needs clarification.
- (3) The first Deputy Speaker Hon Namugala's ruling that the word Barotseland is unconstitutional may be of no issue to our status as Malozi but has signaled to us how the Republican constitution can affect us despite our non-involvement.
- (4) The media comments by some District Commissioners like Kaoma District Commissioner Mr Mubanga Liale on Mwene Kahare's installations were antagonistic in nature. Installations of Chiefs are

Government duties and as such should not be publicly attached by Government officers especially when done on tribal bias.

- (5) The secret maneuvers by the so called Chiefs Chiyengele, Stanford Mayowe and self imposed Mwene Mutondo Mulubisha to State House has further exposed Government interference and un supporting ventures in the BREs internal affairs. The three who were led to State House by Government officers was done in bad faith. Their complaint if it was a genuine one should have been done openly through the Ministry of Chiefs and Traditional Affairs. The BRE is and will be forced to deal suspiciously with all Government Officers and agents. It has also affirmed our usual belief that the Government is responsible for all instabilities in BRE

In the Barotseland Agreement 1964 was enshrined all the fundamental beliefs of the Lozi people, their inalienable right and freedom they had enjoyed for centuries. Its unilateral abrogation in 1969 created a vacuum that has not been filled and may never be filled. The abrogation is the main source of all our **SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, LEGAL AND SECURITY** problems which the Zambian Government has lamentably failed to solve. They have quickly destroyed our able system of government but have failed to put in place reasonable governance. All they could think of is **BAROTSE ROYAL ESTABLISHMENT** a term without meaning and does nothing to an ordinary Lozi.

For the sake of those who are not aware and may still be unaware of our governing system as pictured in our preamble above, Barotseland's system of governance has always been associated with the people. The will of the people has played a prominent role from time immemorial; the people were welded together by one system **MULONGA WA BULOZI**. This institution was solely owned, cared and held highly by the people of Barotseland who were ready to protect, fight for and under some circumstances even die for it. To reciprocate the people's good will, the **KINGS** of Barotseland were dependant on their subjects in other words the two elements that composed **MULONGA WA BULOZI** were interdependent on each other as can be seen in King Lewanika's acknowledgement on securing protectorate status in **GERVAS CLAYS** book "YOUR

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FRIEND LEWANIKA" page 110 paragraph 3 I quote "I am her majesty's servant and I will be glad if she will be anxious for the welfare of MY PEOPLE and MYSELF" end of quote. That is how they emerged victorious in wars and maintained their government for centuries.

The basis of the system was the VILLAGE authority, the SILALO authority, the DISTRICT KUTA and on top the NAMUSO. These three steps on the ladder of administration have been inseparable and these should be maintained at all cost if Barotseland has to regain its glory as MULONGA WA BULOZI. The tempest is raging high, our enemies are at work to erase any traces of Mulonga wa Bulozhi and I earnestly urge this privy council to note with strong view that time to retrieve BULOZI is now or never.

Right from our independence the enemies of Barotseland have worked hard using us (BANA BA MALOZI) to dismantle our system by first introducing the Local Government Act 1965 creating wards to take over Village Authority and Silalo Authority and remove the LITUNGA as PRINCIPLE LOCAL AUTHORITY mwa Bulozhi. All the subsequent Laws enacted affecting the forests, fisheries, Land and Game parks were aiming at dismantling the Lozi system. The final blow to the nail of our system was the annulling of the Barotseland Agreement 1964 which ended our only tools of governance:

- (a) Barotse Native Authority
- (b) Barotse Native Courts
- (c) Barotse Native Treasurery
- (d) Barotse Native Government

In the absence of the above, BULOZI was left with no system of government and is only subjected to foreign systems that are strange to us, so strange that we feel uncomfortable to adapt. The ordeals Barotseland is going through will only end when we will rule ourselves out of Zambia as per resolution of the famous 2012 NATIONAL COUNCIL. The piece meal negotiations of our rights as embodied in the Barotseland Agreement 1964 cannot and will never work in the absence of this BA 1964, which the Zambian government did annul in 1969 setting Barotseland free and no longer an integral part of Zambia.

We therefore appeal to this Privy Council to revisit the **RESTORATION** attempts which we as **NALIELE KUTA** has never supported .We instead urge this council to revert to our popular stance of **BNC 2012**.This is our plea to all our chiefs and people. There is need at this point of our endeavor to regain our country or Nation for men and women of courage and determination. The greatest need of Barotseland today is the want of men and women as described by a virtuous woman in her book **EDUCATION** page 57, I quote "**THE GREATEST WANT OF THE WORLD TODAY IS THE WANT OF MEN WHO WILL NOT BE BOUGHT OR SOLD ,WHO IN THEIR INMOST SOULS ARE TRUE AND HONEST , MEN WHO DO NOT FEAR TO CALL SIN BY ITS RIGHT NAME, MEN WHOSE CONSCIOUS IS AS TRUE TO DUTY AS THE NEEDLE TO THE POLE. MEN WHO STAND FOR RIGHT, THOUGH HEAVENS FALL**". End of quote.

The war to liberate Bulozhi needs men and women of the above virtues'. Those who lack the above courage should leave their positions in this Privy Council to give room to only few true freedom fighters.

We wish now to turn to our local problems as **KAOMA DISTRICT** .This bulk before us is a detailed story of our problems as the **NGAMBELA** will recall that in January this year 2019,Induna Imangambwa came to ask for permission with your **KUTA** to bring its contents covering more than ten years ago. We will however cover briefly some of our urgent problems affecting our **DISTRICT**.

(1) We need clarification on the position of the newly created **DISTRICTS**. It is becoming clear that our jurisdiction to **NKEYEMA** and **LUAMPA** new districts is cloudy. The **NAMUSO KUTA** has developed a direct correspondence with the **DISTRICT COMMISIONERS** of **NKEYEMA** and **LUAMPA** instructing **SILALO INDUNAS (AREA CHIEFS)** without our knowledge .Do we still hold jurisdictions over area chiefs in **NKEYAMA** and **LUAMPA DISTRICTS**?

(ii) As alluded to in our preamble, the vacuum created by the abrogation of the Barotseland Agreement 1964 has brought untold misery perhaps more to us than any other District. In Kaoma any one can establish a **ROYAL COUNCIL** and **CHIEFDOM** at will. Self installations of chiefs are becoming common and

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arbitrarily installations cause social and security disorder. We have recently noticed that in some cases the **NAMUSO KUTA** has encouraged such. We request **THE MINYOLUI** to take his position and restore order in the District.

(iii) The land distribution in our area leaves much to be desired. Any one from the Village Headman to Chiefs is free to allocate land anyhow; using terminologies like selling and buying land. We know that in Barotseland land is not sold. Land scramble if unchecked within few years there will be no land in Barotseland. The term "**MUNYAMUPU NA NGOMBE**" will have lost its meaning. There is need to revisit the traditional ways of land distribution or else we are losing control. While the statement from **THE MINISTER OF LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES HON. JEAN KAPATA** in parliament on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 confirms that the land in Barotseland has different administration, we have a different situation on the ground. Councils and other government agents are introducing shortcut means to get land without consultations with the Chiefs. Again we request the **NGAMBELA** to come in and provide sanity in land distribution. In some cases Chiefs can be allowed to give land of 40,000 hectares to investors in Barotseland how much land will be available to our children by the year 2030?

(iv) The mushrooming of Chiefdoms and Districts are becoming a source of worry to our social order. They are done without consultations with the local communities or Area Chiefs. This Privy Council has to put a stop to these Chiefdoms which are planned by central government without **NAMUSO's** input as recent maps show. By establishment of new **BOMAS** it should have been through consultations with local Chiefs otherwise we are suspicious of their creation.

In conclusion Mr. Chairman I wish to sum up our stand as Naliele District Kuta. We invoke a change in our mind set to aim higher than the highest this council can possibly be. Our people throughout Barotseland want total separation with Zambia. They urgently want a new state of modern Barotseland. I pray that our Almighty God will conceive each one of us to heed the cries, (Cry the beloved country) of our beleaguered people.

I thank you.