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BAROTSELAND: IF WE ARE NOT FOR OURSELVES WHO ELSE

1. Barotseland and West Nyasa, Northern Rhodesia (Zambia) signed a treaty to establish relationship. But alas, that treaty was not only dishonoured but annulled by Zambia. Whether subconsciously or not we don't know. However legal axiom states that: "once a treaty is dishonoured the parties to that agreement should refrain from making each other's territory the object of acquisition by means of military occupation or by direct or indirect measure of force and no such acquisition will be deemed as legal."
2. Certainly there is no ambiguity in this clause; unfortunately, no body from Zambia and no security officer irrespective of rank in Zambia understands that. Why making our territory the object of acquisition?
3. Zambia has no respect for any law. She has no respect for human dignity. She has been ruling Barotseland by arbitrary control. One thing that is obvious is that the Zambia Constitution Review Commission 2003, report stated that: "The authority of the government of the Republic of Zambia over Barotseland is derived from and legitimized by the Barotseland Agreement of 1964."

The question passed was; where does government derive its authority from, without Agreement?

4. The United Nations is fully aware of all these, but has allowed Zambia to take us for a cheap commodity. Wars are fuelled by injustice and favouritism we are peaceful people, if not we would have declared war. Even if we have no weapons we could have obtained them in the world, in the same way some rebels do; or we could have hired fighter or militia some where; but our tranquillity has been interpreted as stupidity by both Zambia and U.N.

Zambia has no respect or regard even for their constitution; the constitution provides for freedom of speech or freedom of assembly, but police keep on killing people for that; the lucky ones are arrested or harmed. The right to assembly is granted by police at discretion. Zambia does not respect her own laws, international law or law of treaties or principles of law.

Since the U.N. does not seem to care, we are yet to consult all the Barotzis to agree on one thing: either all the Barotzish to be killed by Zambia or we remain the true owners of Our Country Barotseland, with no interference from aliens. Declaration is a political phenomenon enough is enough; we have already reverted to our original status.

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