

Dear All,

WE WARNED YOU ABOUT THE KAOMA GROUP MANIPULATIVE AGENDA

My accessions that the reported Cheke Cha Mbunda AGM meeting on the 25th February 2017 in Kaoma, has been changed to the so called Mbunda Royal Council, has been confirmed. This is due to our interventions which made it impossible for them to obtain a police permit by presenting the Cheke Cha Mbunda registration certificate. Therefore, they had to change the meeting to 'Mbunda Indaba' by using the recently registered Mbunda Royal Council certificate.

Also confirmed is that, the police permit for the same kind of meeting which was later dispersed by the police on 27th June 2015 was applied for using the Cheke Cha Mbunda certificate of registration and Letter Head.

Find below a full speech from the same meeting:

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Mbunda Indaba held Successfully-25th February 2017.

From left to right (front row) Liale Mubanga (National Secretary Mbunda Royal Establishment-In glasses), Chief Mwene Mundu of Lyumba of Kalabo, Chief Mwene Namulimbwa of Imilangu in Sikongo, Chief (Senior) Mwene Chiyengele of Mushuwa in Limulunga, Chief Mwene Lindeho of Chamemba in Kalabo.

From left to right (back row) Morris Kambeu-Mbunda Elder, Prince Kenneth Mbandu Kalyangu, His wife Kutemba and Carlos Antonio (Light skinned) Former Kaoma Central Member of Parliament.

Captured on camera at break during the Mbunda Indaba held at Kaoma District Council Chamber on 25th February 2017.

SPEECH BY THE MBUNDA ROYAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

His Royal Highness Mwene Chiyengele

His Royal Highness Mwene Chikufele

All Other Mbunda Chiefs in Attendance

All Invited Chiefs from other friendly tribes in Zambia

All Mbunda Members of Parliament Present

All esteemed delegates

Ladies and Gentlemen

I greet you all and warmly welcome you all to this very important gathering of the Mbunda people of Zambia under the leadership of their royalty, the Mbunda Royal Establishment.

The Mbunda Royal Establishment (MRE-Zambia) has seen it fit to call for this emergency assembly of representatives of the Mbunda people in Zambia from all the districts of the Western Province, Kabompo, Lusaka, the Copperbelt and other parts of the country to come and deliberate over various issues of great concern to the Mbunda population. This is in response to the urgent requests from Mbundas all over Zambia who wanted to hear the truth directly from their leaders concerning what they were reading about in the various media concerning the harassment of their Mwene Chiyengele, Mwene Muundu and the Mbundas by the BRE.

The MRE is made up of all the Mbunda chiefs, princes, princesses and nobility in Zambia. Suffice to state that the Mbunda people are the majority in the Western Province at 48%, while Mbundas are also found in North-western province, Angola, Namibia and D.R. Congo. But the majority of the Mbundas live in Angola where the king for all Mbundas is found. The Mbundas had been living in Zambia long before Mwene Muundu and Mwene Chiyengele migrated from Mbundaland and the subsequent drawing up of the Chiyengele-Mulambwa Treaty.

Many worrying and unfortunate events have taken place since September 2014 following the holding of the Mbunda ceremony of Cheke at the palace of HRH Mwene Chiyengele in Limulunga.

It would be a gross understatement to say that these events have traumatized the Mbunda people from all corners of Zambia and abroad. This can be seen from the fact that this assembly, which is the highest policy making body of the Mbunda people, was hastily organized and people have sacrificed at short notice to come and attend the same.

It is still a mystery to us Mbundas that the holding of our cultural ceremony could lead to all the animosity we have been subjected to from the Barotse Royal Establishment while all tribes in Zambia are freely enjoying their different cultures.

The Mbunda population in Zambia is deeply disturbed by the repeated harassment of their chief His Royal Highness Mwene Chiyengele of Limulunga up to date. We have been reliably informed that the life of HRH Mwene Chiyengele is still in great danger from the BRE. How many times is Mwene Chiyengele going to be humiliated since the matter is still active in the Lusaka High Court? The MRE needs to be united and speak with one BIG voice on this matter in order to get the government to finally take a keen interest in this issue and decisively bring sanity.

Mwene Muundu

The second provocative action from the BRE is the gross interference in the succession of Mwene Muundu at Liumba in Kalabo to that throne which has been vacant for some time now since the demise of the previous incumbent. The BRE is still sponsoring certain characters to ensure that the rightful successor to the throne of Mwene Muundu does not ascend to that office. We are requesting the MRE to sort this issue out once and for all so that peace and harmony can return to Liumba and our people enjoy their heritage once again.

The Defunct Cheke cha Mbunda Cultural and Writers Association

The Mbunda people assembled at Kaoma and ushered in a new association to replace the Cheke cha Mbunda Cultural and Writers Association which had died due to one person trying to monopolize it as his personal-to- holder property. It is from this that the current conflict among Mbundas partly arose that resulted in the Kaoma fracas with the police, the Cheke ceremony organizing committee fracas with the police in Mongu last year and the threats of cancellation of this Indaba due to the issue of the police permit after requesting for the same on this defunct body's headed paper.

The new association was called Cheke Researchers and Writers Association and its executive was elected at that aborted meeting. This executive became moribund and last year another executive was elected at Mushuwa Palace. Up to now there doesn't seem to be any activity from this executive and this body is dead again. There is urgent need to have an active executive to continue from where the defunct one stopped hence this body needs to be registered as quickly as possible. We cannot afford to have a non-functioning Mbunda writers' body.

Radio Cheke

On a very promising note, it is with a sense of great Mbunda pride that I formally announce to all gathered the setting up of the first Mbunda radio station here in Kaoma. This radio station is called Radio Cheke where the three languages of Mbunda, Nkoya and English are used. This is the radio station for the marginalized languages of the Western Province and it is the main objective of this radio station to promote the languages, cultures and traditions of the Mbunda and Nkoya people of Western Province.

The setting up of this station was very difficult financially, materially, logistically and psychologically since the people who have always wanted to suppress the non-Lozi people in Western Province did everything possible to prevent this project from seeing the day of life. The same people are still at it trying to have this radio station deregistered so that it can stop operating. Suffice to state that these anti-Mbunda and anti-Nkoya mercenaries are spending sleepless nights to ensure that this station is put off air.

Hence it is my sincere and earnest appeal to all Mbunda and Nkoya peoples in Zambia and their royal establishments (Mbunda Royal Establishment and Nkoya Royal Establishment) to work with us and defend this radio station with everything that they have at their disposal. We cannot succeed on our own because these people have perfected this subjugation and suppression of anything that is intended to promote the Mbunda and Nkoya tribes in Zambia. They have all the material and political support on their side while we only have God on our side like it has been over the last centuries. As Mbundas we have always looked to God for protection and it is because of Him that today we can even have a Mbunda radio station in Western Province, of all places! While the enemies of the Mbunda depend on material things and human beings, the Mbundas only trust in God! In God Mbundas Trust Forever! Hence as Mbundas we should NEVER leave God out of ANYTHING that we do at all times. EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE WITH GOD!

Appeal

It is in this vein that I would like to appeal to the wider Mbunda population in Zambia through their delegates present here to fully deliberate over these disturbing events so that we can chart the way forward for peace and prosperity of our country and generations to come.

We once again earnestly appeal to the government to find an amicable solution to this continued harassment of the Mbundas by the Lozis before the current anarchy in the province worsens. This deplorable Lozi behavior has been going on for far too long and our grandfathers and fathers have always tolerated it and suffered peacefully all in the name of maintaining good relations with the Lozis. Not any more – the Mbundas shall now stand up for their constitutional and human rights in order to reclaim their long-lost self-esteem and dignity.

I continue to appeal to government to treat the three Royal Establishments in Western Province equally since this is the only sure way to guarantee peace and sanity there. We are very much aware of the activities of the BRE where they are using some Lozi and Mbunda stooges who are poverty stricken by paying them so that they divide the Mbunda people. We know these renegade Mbundas and they shall soon be made to account for their treachery. But as Mbundas we remain resolute that these renegades shall fail in their diabolical and cowardly anti-Mbunda activities.

THE WAY FORWARD FOR US AS A PEOPLE

The following issues should be part of our strategic plan from now onwards in the short, medium and long terms:

Mbunda Chiefdoms Succession

In order for the Mbundas to regain their long-lost glory and dignity, the institution of Mbunda chiefs in Zambia should be strengthened as a matter of urgency. The Mbunda people of Zambia have always suffered from a lack of strong leadership from their chiefs since time immemorial. This is what has led to the Mbundas being marginalized and trampled over by the other tribes like the Lozis. To redress this sad situation requires addressing the fact that what the Mbunda people in Zambia of today want more than anything else is a strong and fearless Mbunda Royal Establishment composed of strong, courageous and well-informed chiefs. The first step towards realizing this desire by the people should be the choice of the candidates for chiefs in the various Mbunda chiefdoms in Zambia. There should be qualifications for the position of a Mbunda chief and I propose the following: One should be:

1. A member of the Mbunda royal family (a prince).
2. One who has been circumcised.
3. A fluent speaker of the Mbunda language.
4. Knowledgeable in the Mbunda culture, traditions, customs and history.
5. Of a mature and sober character.
6. One who possesses emotional stability and intelligence.
7. One who has attained at least a Grade 12 level of education.

The MRE must have the power to choose new chiefs for all the Mbunda chiefdoms in Zambia so that we move away from chiefdoms based on families.

As for the chiefs' palaces, only Mbunda language should be allowed to be spoken there except for visitors. All the palace staff should speak the language and be Mbundas in total.

Current Mbunda Chiefs Attitude

Mbunda chiefs have always been courageous war commanders and it is because of this that Mbundas have never been conquered by other tribes except for the Portuguese during the Kolongongo War when they conquered Mbundaland.

It is such a disaster now to find Mbunda chiefs who are cowards and cannot defend, protect and safeguard the Mbunda tribe and its culture.

Hence our chiefs should not cow to the chiefs of other tribes and be turned into subjects, that brings shame to our once strong and feared tribe.

Through the Mbunda Royal Establishment, our chiefs should now regain their lost status and influence. We need chiefs whom all of us can look up to and who can stand up to any aggression to the tribe and to speak out when one of them is attacked.

Safeguarding the Mbunda Tribe and Language

It should be the duty of EVERY Mbunda in Zambia, man or woman, young or old, to safeguard the Mbunda tribe, traditions, culture, and way of life. No one can do this for us but us only.

In all this, education should be of paramount importance to all Mbundas. At the moment, Mbundas are not a factor in the three countries which they call home (Angola, Namibia, and Zambia) due to lack of education. Without us making concerted efforts to have our children educated to the highest levels then we should just forget about Mbundas being able to influence anything at all, especially politically.

All that we Mbundas want is to be left alone to preserve and enjoy our culture, language, traditions and way of life. We have no intentions at all to take over the cultures and chieftaincies of other people when we have our own which we cherish so much.

It is only God Shukulu Kalunga that has sustained us through the centuries despite all the persecution and xenophobic attacks that we have suffered at the hands of the Portuguese, English and other African tribes. Hence we should always put God first in everything that we do for the tribe to survive. Mbundas are similar to the Jews in terms of the persecution they have been subjected to through the centuries.

IN GOD WE TRUST FOREVER.

Mbunda Iyoye! Mbunda Iyoya! Long live Mbunda! Viva Mbunda!

I thank you all for your attention.

PRINCE PROFESSOR BIEMBA MALITI

CHAIR, MRC ZAMBIA

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Out of the nine Mbunda chiefs and currently only seven on their thrones and two still vacant, only two attended: Chief Chiyengele and Chief Lindeho, they should thank our electronic problems, getting in touch with Chief Lindeho.

They have gain lamentably failed to get the Mbunda chief's consensus in establishing their so called Mbunda Royal Establishment. Snr. Chief Sikufele and others were already included on the speech, but they assured us they will not attend and they didn't. Kamana Vunonge, one of the two Mwene Mundu chieftain candidates is in attendance and spotted with a flywhisk as reported earlier. Who bestored the flywhisk on him, when the case is still in the court of law? Cheke Cha Mbunda position is very clear and that; "the Mwene Mundu chieftain is vacant currently and we are actively helping them with their court case.

Question that immediately come to mind are:

- 1) Will traditional chiefs accept to relinquish their birth right positions to be replaced by the so called Mbunda Royal Establishment Grade 12 chosen chiefs?
- 2) How can a none member declare a legally registered body corporate as defunct?
- 3) Isn't it clear, the whole meeting was called to discuss one elusive man?

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Here are comments received so far:

Dr. I. L. Nyumbu – National Treasurer; Cheke Cha Mbunda:

“Va Chairman

Thanks for sharing this with us all. The MRE has a number of challenges to overcome. (1) The MRE may have been formally registered, but it does not have authority over other chiefs. All Mbunda chuefs would have to formally sign to it. There needs to be a legally binding agreement between all chiefs. Such an agreement would then establish the MRE as sn executive arm or court. (2) For any chieftainship in Western Province, the chiefs' Act recognises the supremacy of the Litunga. This is not consistent with the new constitution. This anomaly has to be resolved by Ministry of Justice. Without the resolution the chiefs enthroned by MRE would not be gazetted as Mbunda chiefs. Even Mwene Chiengele cannot be gazetted as a Mbunda chief if he is in Western Province. Even when the current court case is resolved in favour of Mwene Chiengele, it would simply confirm that he is a Lozi chief. Hevwould then start another constitutional battle to be regazetted as a Mbunda chief.

MRE is papering over this issue, but they would learn the bitter truth. (3) As regards the qualifications for chieftainship touted by MRE, I don't what powers they have given themselves to even change traditions. MRE will soon find out they have limits to their power”.

Brother Brian Kayongo – National Youth Chairman; Cheke Cha Mbunfa:

These are serious dreams....very unrealistic ones for that matter. This body will run like a political body rather than royal establishment. Sad

Paul Kapanda – From the diaspora:

[26/02 17:11] Paul Kapanda: This is very interesting. Kikikiki

[26/02 17:12] Paul Kapanda: And disappointing at the same time.

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Our appeal to these Mbunda brothers is to leave Cheke Cha Mbunda play its part in "Reviving, Preserving, Promoting and Protecting the Mbunda cultural heritage and traditions from foreign influences as mandated by our Constitution since 1981, when the first constitution was draw.

Let them do their part also in uplifting Mbunda culture and tradition if we cannot work together. However, we expect them to respect tradition as an inheritance of our Royals and therefore any changes will need the consensus and involvement of all our Chiefs and as authorised by the Mbunda monarch in Angola.

Insults and propaganda insinuations will not draw us in unity as Mbundas to fight our common enemy. Labelling our chiefs as cowards as shown above is an insult on the Mbunda tradition and culture.

What are you comments?

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National Chairman

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