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The Royal Family: Bafokeng Traditional Community

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REMOVAL OF LERUO TSHEKEDI MOLOTLEGI FROM HIS POSITION AS THE CHIEF OF THE BAFOKENG TRADITIONAL COMMUNITY

The Bafokeng Land Buyers' Association has since 2010, brought to the attention of some members of the Royal Family of the Bafokeng Traditional Community, that the manner in which their son chief Leruo Molotlegi conducts himself and his official duties as the Bafokeng chief, is unbecoming for the position he holds.

We expected that, having spent more than 15 years in office as the Bafokeng chief, that the chief would have by now gained more understanding and maturity on how the traditional community should be administered or governed in line with the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and the wishes of Bafokeng communities.

We have been informed on as many occasions that the Chief refuses counsel of his Royal Family as prescribed by legislation. In his recent interlocutory judgment in case 999/08, Judge Landman confirmed the abhorrent position that the chief operates prerogatively at his whim, and against section 27 of the North West Act of 2005.

We have noted further that the Bafokeng chief:

1. Refuses to marry, contrary to customary dictate that a chief be married upon his ascension to the position of a chief. Main reasons for this requirement relate to possible future disputes around succession; preservation of the community; peace and security within the community.

2. Contrary to custom and his predecessors in office, refuses to consult (meaningfully if at all), with various Makgotla or Families on urgent, confidential and pertinent matters requiring his direct attention.
3. Uses communal finances to divide the community.
4. Promotes a clandestine culture of secrecy and corruption.
5. Disrespects and swears at senior and prominent members of the traditional community.
6. Disrespects the rule of (customary) law, and has rendered his Traditional Council redundant.
7. Uses his official title and status to engage in wasteful and corrupt commercial activities and transactions; for his own private interest; and against the welfare of the community. Such conduct having cost the community billions of rands to date.
8. Has failed to lead the Bafokeng and its structures with requisite diligence, leading to a collapsed traditional administration and fruitless expenditures.

The above synopsis is not exhaustive.

The Chief himself submitted his interest to vacate his position as the Chief and to focus on his business interests.


It is on the basis of the above shocking background that we make this humble request to the Royal Family to take the necessary steps:

1. to remove Leruo Tshekedi Molotlegi as the Chief of the Bafokeng Traditional Community with immediate effect;
2. to identify a suitable candidate for the position of the Administrator; and
3. to notify the Bafokeng community and the Office of the North West Premier of the decision.

We would be grateful that a report on the above steps be given at the next Bafokeng Kgotha-Kgothe meeting for noting. To this regard, we advice as prescribed by legislation that no Kgotha-kgothe resolution is in fact required for the above Royal Family decision. Such decision shall be presented at the Kgotha-kgothe for noting purposes only.

This request is supported by the undersigned members of the Bafokeng Traditional community.

Sincerely,



Lucas Molewa Mekgwe (Mr)
Chairperson

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