

MAMPRUGU TRADITIONAL COUNCIL

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27TH JUNE, 2018.

YOUR REF. NO:.....

THE TONGRAAN

PARAMOUNT CHIEF OF TONGO

TONGO.

My Son, Tongrana,

RE: PETITION: NAMUALUGU CHIEFTAINCY MATTER.

Your letter dated 20th June, 2018 on the above subject matter was duly received and its contents well noted.

My initial intention was to let the matter rest or call you so that we could deal with as a matter between father and son. On the other hand, I am duty bound to respond to your petition in order to set the records straight. Your petition contains some misinformation which is likely to mislead the public.

Let me first of all remind you that, my authority as an Overlord is not limited to Nalerigu but covers the whole of Mamprugu Traditional Area and beyond and not Nalerigu Traditional Area which in any case does not exist.

On the issue of the Namualugu chieftaincy matter which is the subject of your letter, I am at a lost as to how the performance of a traditional mandatory function, as was performed by my Elder Sakpari could be a source of worry and danger to the Talensi Traditional Area.

The installation of Regents and subsequent enskinment of chiefs for Namualugu have always been done by the Nayiri since time immemorial with all your predecessors of the Tongo skins and none of them had ever raised the issue of danger and worry.

No Tongrana has ever installed or enskinned a Namualugu regent or chief respectively. You may remind me if in case my memory failed me.

In respect of your unquestionable mandate as you claim to enskin all chiefs in the Talensi Traditional Council, cannot be wholly true. By authority vested in the

Tongo skins, the Tograna is mandated to all chiefs whose allegiance is directed to the Tongo skins. That mandate if I may remind you is derived from the Nayiri.

The skins of Namualugu, Nungu, Bapela, Tolla and Digaare are directly under my skins (NAYIRI) and have been so much longer before the Tongo skins which to begin with were under the enskinning authority of the Kuru-Naba. Consequently, but for the elevation of Tongo Skins to Paramouncy by my predecessors, the above mentioned skins are traditionally senior to the Tongo skins.

It is rather disturbing or unfortunate that you have taken a rather narrow view of the traditional set up by comparing the Talensi Traditional Area with your brothers –Bonaba, Sakuti-Naba, Nango-Naba and Zuarungu-Naba in the Upper East Region in your efforts to justify your desire to enskin from the five communities.

The traditional set-up far outdates the administrative one. For your information, I have sub-chiefs in other traditional areas whose skins come directly under my authority. For example I have Kug-rana, Dian-Dana, Sayoo-Naba and Jaagban-Dana in the Wungu Traditional area and Namang- Rana, Lukula-Naba and Soo Namoo-Rana in the Soo Traditional Area. The presence of these chiefs does not pose a threat to the peace and security of these traditional areas, why so in your Jurisdiction?

Please Tongo-Rana, what we have today is our heritage and we cannot re-write or re-invent it. So in the interest of peace and development of our people, I urge you to endeavour to maintain and cherish what we have.

Counting on your co-operation.

Thank You.

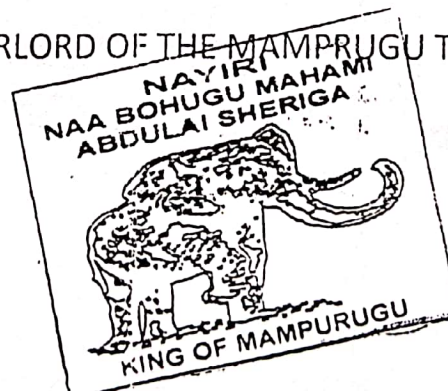
Yours faithfully,



THE NAYIRI

NAA BOHUGU MAHAMI ABDULAI SHERIGA

(OVERLORD OF THE MAMPRUGU TRADITIONAL AREA)



Cc:

1. THE PRESIDENT
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2. THE HON. REGIONAL MINISTER
REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL
BOLGATANGA
3. THE REGIONAL POLICE COMMANDER
GHANA POLICE SERVICE
UPPER EAST REGION
BOLGATANGA
4. THE REGIONAL CRIME OFFICER
GHANA POLICE SERVICE
UPPER EAST REGION
BOLGATANGA
5. THE DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER
TALENSI DISTRICT
TONGO
6. THE DISTRICT CHIEF EXECUTIVE
TALENSI DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
TONGO
7. THE REGENT OF NAMUALUGU ✓
NAMUALUGU
8. THE TOLLA-RANA
CHIEF OF TOLLA
9. THE BAPELLA- RANA
CHIEF OF BAPELLA
10. THE NUUGU-RANA
CHIEF OF NUUNGU
11. THE DAGARE-NABA
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