

# THE HEAD AND COUNCIL OF ELDERS OF LIMANYIRI FAMILY

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## **LATE WA IMAM'S FAMILY SLAM TRADITIONAL AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR ALLEGED APOLOGY**

The attention of the family of the late Imam Dr. Suleman M.H. Bakuri has been drawn to a letter circulating on social media alleged to have been issued by the Wa Naa and some traditional authorities.

We wish to state that much as the family is yet to confirm the authenticity of the said letter; its content cannot be authored by the revered Wa Naa and the others who are supposed to be the custodian of the customs and traditions of their people.

The family is aware of the deep knowledge of the Wa Naa and the other traditional leaders and how they hold the customs and traditions of the people in high esteem especially in the area of funeral celebrations and it's attendance, more so when it had to do with no less a person than the Wa Imam. Knowing who the Wa Naa is and the values he upholds, he will never advocate for the values of funeral attendance, expressing of condolences and mourning with the bereaved family to be replaced with mere monetary donations especially where the donor himself is available to perform such kind gesture. What could be more dignifying than attending and paying last respect to a man you once shared a relationship with during his life time? Surely, this can neither be part of our cultural nor religious values and it is unfortunate that such a statement is attributed to the Wa Naa among others.

The Wa Naa cannot be oblivious of his traditional role as an advisor and unifier not leaving out his role in the settlement of disputes. The Wa Naa would have invited and counseled the family to retract and apologize to the Vice President in his advisory and mediatory capacity to resolve

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this matter between the family and the presidency amicably and not jump into the fray to muddy the waters even more by issuing counter statements. This is unlike the Wa Naa we know.

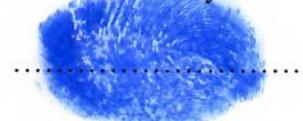
We consider this seeming willingness by the Wa Naa and others to be used by the Regional Minister, Hon. Hafiz Bin Salih as apologies to legitimize his numerous blunders as unfortunate if found to be the case.

We are however aware that since our first publication, the Regional Minister has been scheming and lobbying these authorities to issue a statement to cover up this blunder and his meddling in the religious affairs of Wa since his assumption of office.

We want to assure the public that this action is not an attempt to put the government in bad light but to bring to bear the manner in which the Minister conducts the affairs of the Region most at times bringing the name of the government into disrepute.

We however want to commend the NPP Regional Chairman, Dr. S.B. Kangberee for the able and respectful manner in which he has approached this issue so far but for this unfortunate development there would have been a joint meeting between the family and the leadership of the party in the region this morning to issue a joint statement to smoke the peace-pipe.

Yours Sincerely



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