

The Gyoder Royal Family

Kokoligu

Nandom Municipality

Upper West Region

11th November, 2022

The Paramount Chief and President

Nandom Traditional Council

Nandom Municipality

Upper West Region

A PETITION AGAINST THE SELF PROCLAMATION MADE BY ONE JONATHAN ABESIG AS THE CHIEF OF KOKOLIGU.

We the undersigned members of the Gyoder royal family led by the head of the Gyoder/Zuwerah Royal family; **Mr. Theodulo Muokuu** officially write to your good office to register our displeasure about a proclamation that was made on social media to the effect that the royal family of Kokoligu has chosen one Jonathan Abesig as their chief and that the nomination was accepted by the Nandom Traditional Council.

We wish to state emphatically, that the Gyoder Royal family which comprises the families of Debzie, Baanuo, Zuwerah, Muokuu, Tengan, Tiriyeng and Debpuur has not chosen Jonathan Wadeyir Abesig as the chief of Kokoligu.

The selection/nomination of a chief has always been based on broader consultations among members of the royal family. However, contrary to this age old practice, the Debpuur family, led by one Joachim Sieningan surreptitiously introduced Jonathan Wadeyir Abesig who is their son to the traditional council as the chief of Kokoligu. We are therefore serving a notice and notice is hereby served that Jonathan Abesig is not the choice of the Royal family and we will resist any attempt to install him as the chief of Kokoligu.

We are by this petition seeking the following:

6. That the traditional council stops Jonathan Abesig from holding himself as the chief of Kokoligu
7. That the traditional council suspends any plan to install Jonathan Abesig as the chief of Kokoligu until the entire royal family led by the family head presents a candidate when broader consultations are done.
8. That in the spirit of fairness which is devoid of malice, the traditional council should summon us to also hear our side of the story.
9. That the selection/ nomination of a candidate is the sole preserve of the entire Gyoder royal family and not a certain Joachim Sieningan.
10. That the traditional council should not impose anybody on us.

We are well aware that a petition was written by members of the Debzie family on the 8th of November, 2022 to the traditional council raising similar concerns of which no action was taken by the traditional council even after promising them a fair hearing. We wish to state that, the entire Gyoder royal family associate ourselves with the petition and re-petition that were written by the Debzie family and would want that we should be given the opportunity to be heard.

It is our hope that the traditional council led by His Royal Majesty Naa Prof. N Delle Chiir VIII would act on this petition with the urgency that it deserves.

We thank you in our anticipation for a fair hearing.

NB; Find attached the names of petitioners

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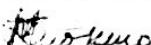
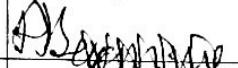
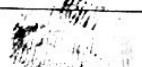
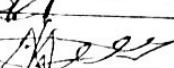

Mr. Theodulo Muokuu

(Head of Gyoder Royal Family)

Cc:

1. Joachim Sieningan
2. Jonathan Wadeyir Abesig

NAMES OF PETITIONERS

#	NAME	DESIGNATION	TELEPHONE NUMBER	SIGNATURE
1	Muokuu Theodulo	Head of Gyoder royal family	0545567600	
2.	Baanuo Andrews	Head of Baanuo family	0554030994	
3.	Baanuo Augustine	Member	0551825268	
4.	Simon Debzie Naaludaar	Member	0243313774	
5.	Augustine Debzie	Member	0240406959	
6.	Sylvester Debzie Tang	Member	0503401040	
7.	Peter Debzie	Member	0558170116	
8.	Debzie Sylvester	Member		
9.	Zuwerah Maa-ie Tawiah	Elder	0549406557	
10.	Zuwerah Peter Paul Cleaver	Elder	0247716094	
11.	Zuwerah Conrad	Elder	0241232217	
12.	Tengan Edward	Head of Tengan/Tiryeng family	0549716667	