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Dear Sir / Madam

RE : BONANI YAMANI D.O.B 19 JUNE 1988 I.D NO. 8806195259082

I acknowledge receipt of your facsimile letter dated 04 December 2007.

I am in dark and totally confused as to why you address this complaint to me or my organization. You seem to suggest that Bonani was circumcised in Frere hospital and subsequently abducted by "criminals". I do not know why you allege that we are liable for their alleged wrongful actions.

I would like to bring to you attention that the custom of circumcision in this Province is administered by M.E.C for Health in terms of the Provincial Legislation. We maintain that it ought to be administered by Traditional Leaders. This has not happened.

You have also failed to indicate why your Client has decided not to lay any criminal charges against the alleged offenders to the police.

I cannot find anything in your letter suggesting that the alleged criminals and the victim reside in an area within my own jurisdiction.

I am consequently of the view that your anger is misdirected. Clearly Contralesa is not part and cannot be part to any maladministration of our custom. The complaint in my respectful submission is addressed to a wrong institution.

In the premises your media statements attacking our organization and its leadership are not justified. I hope that this response will enable you to clear the image of our organization you tarnished. Yours faithfully


Mkhosi M. Nnonkonyana
Provincial Contralesa Chairperson