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President Michael Sata

PRESIDENT Michael Sata's call for unity should not be used as a window of opportunity to escape corruption charges, says APNAC chairperson Cornelius Mweetwa.

Recently, MMD spokesperson Dora Siliya said the MMD had heeded President Sata's call for unity and wanted to continue to engage the PF on various issues to better the lives of Zambians.

Siliya said the former ruling party could not afford to be irresponsible not to heed President Sata's call for unity.

But Mweetwa, who is also UPND deputy spokesperson, said the call for unity by the president was highly welcome but should not be used as an attempt to get private advantage by people to immunise themselves against corruption charges in court.

"The call for unity should not mean abandoning the corruption charges; corruption charges should not be part

and parcel of the unity," Mweetwa said.

"Everybody has the right to accept the call for unity and reconciliation but they should not fraudulently use this as an attempt to gain private advantage or immunising themselves from the corrupt charges they are facing. It is not a window of opportunity for them to escape the wrath of the law," Mweetwa said.

He also said the corruption charge highlighted by PF party secretary general Wynter Kabimba should not be swept under the carpet in the name of unity.

Mweetwa said the call for unity should be extended to all sectors in the country, including proper application of the public order Act and equal opportunity to economic funds such as the disbursement of Constituency Development Funds.

"The call for unity is noted but I am treating it with a caveat. What we expect is proper application of the public order Act as this would bring about good governance. The call should address a long-lasting solution of the Barotseland Agreement and those charged not to be discriminated against," said Mweetwa.

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