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SPEECH BY THE PRIME MINISTER, CHIEF LEABUA JONATHAN

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In a democratic government, the wishes of the people are supreme. That is to be understood by all those placed in positions of responsibility, who exercise specific powers and are paid from public funds.

Whether one is a chief or not, one must appreciate the fact that one holds that position and can retain it only at the mercy of the people, one is responsible to the Electorate.

Therefore, you, the Chief of Rothe, I and all those appointed public servants paid by the people, are bound thereby to ask ourselves whether we have been faithful servants in our duties or not and those who have failed to perform whatever duties have been assigned to them but have made themselves stumbling-blocks, while on the other hand, they still receive pay from public coffers - we ask: must Government continue paying them their wages and respecting their rights?

My colleagues and I, the Government of Lesotho, all Senators and Members of Parliament - are not ashamed to state that for the last two years - and this is now the third in the now independent Lesotho - have been able, in spite of deliberate man-made impediments, to achieve some of our objectives and erect memorial monuments that tell their story and speak for themselves in the service for the good of the Nation. These achievements I need not enumerate here and now, but I can say straightaway here at Rothe where I myself can see pipes bringing....22.