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In my radio broadcast to the nation on the 14th October, 1969, the substance of my address was to warn you against false allegations that were being spread by the Opposition camps, intended to scare you when you freely go to elect a Government of your own choice in the forthcoming General Elections. They scare you by saying there might be disturbances, hazards and bloodshed during the Elections.

I wish to avail myself of this opportunity to assure you that these allegations are groundless and malicious fabrications by the Opposition parties. The reason for spreading such unfounded rumours is obvious: they are fully aware of the fact that they have no hope of winning the Elections.

I therefore request and exhort you to go to the polling stations in large numbers, boldly and with determination because Government will protect you in as many ways as possible and necessary. Moreover, Government will see to it that polling stations are relatively near your own residential areas so that you do not have to spend nights away on the open veld.

After broadcast of this address, I am also going to have this statement communicated to the chiefs, Headmen, police and other authorities responsible for the maintenance of peace and order in Lesotho, and for the safety of all those in their charge, so that such authorities will be required immediately to report any misbehaviour and unlawful actions of these miscreants who are spreading false alarms with the intention of scaring the people. These authorities will take the necessary steps to ensure that you are adequately protected. The people should likewise report to their Chiefs, Headmen and the Police the moment they become aware of any misconduct on the part of these panic-mongers.