

STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER
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On my own behalf and that of the Government and the people of Lesotho I wish to thank and praise God for the happy and successful manner in which all events in our Independence Celebrations were conducted. The smooth manner in which one item led to another certified to the unity and co-operation of the entire nation and its determination to celebrate in a way befitting the dignity of the historic occasion.

I should like to thank all who contributed in different ways to the ^{Great} ~~great~~ success that was a feature of the whole celebration. In particular I wish to thank the South African Railways for providing rail and bus transport, and above all for the courteous treatment meted out to all our people who made use of those facilities. Within Lesotho I would like to thank the drivers of the various vehicles who worked day and night to bring the people into Maseru and take them back to their homes. I would also offer my congratulations to the Commissioner of Police, His Deputy and to the whole police force, ⁱⁿ ~~on~~ maintaining law and order during the celebrations; and last though by no means least I give my thanks to the Independence Celebrations Officer and his staff for the success of the celebrations.

To the Officer in charge of the border control posts and to his staff I have to say that my colleagues in government and I are most grateful for the assistance given, and the sympathy shown towards our people who crossed the border at various posts. I am well aware that some of them did not have their travel documents in proper order, but that was not made an excuse to put them to inconvenience. I hope and trust that a Sovereign Lesotho will build on this foundation of co-operation and good will. I, however, cannot exclude the possibility/...