

AMAMPONDO KINGDOM

Obituary of King Zanozuko Sigcau

15 September 1974 – 31 May 2022



Tyelovuyo

Zanozuko Tyelovuyo Sigcau was born in Lusikisiki in the Mpondo Kingdom on the 15th September 1974 to the late Chief Zwelidumile Major Sigcau and Chieftainess, the current Queen Zuziwe Victoria (Nobandla!) Sigcau who is the caretaker of the Mpondo Kingdom.

He attended Primary School at Mampelwaze JSS in Lusikisiki and later attended Mtumasi JSS in Mount Fletcher. For his High School education, he attended Mariazelle SSS in Mount Fletcher, Ndamase SSS in Ngqeleni and obtained his Senior Certificate (Matric) from Bodweni SSS in Lusikisiki in 1992.

Zanozuko enrolled at the University of Transkei to study towards a Bachelor of Law where he obtained a B Juries in 1996 and then a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) in 1999. He served his articles in 2002 at Mlokothi Attorneys in Lusikisiki and thereafter joined the Department of Education in Lusikisiki in their Labour Relations Department. He married Princess Nomxolisi Makaula of kwaBhaca. Following the formation of the Nhlapho Commission on Traditional Leadership in 2006, Zanozuko resigned and in 2007 began his bid to claim his place as the rightful Heir of the Late King Mandlonke Sigcau of the AmaMpondo Kingdom who had died in 1937.

He was gazetted as King in 2018. During his tenure he actively promoted a developmental and progressive Mpondo Kingdom where people were united and active participants and beneficiaries of the opportunities on their land and in the economy. A Gender Based Violence activist, sports enthusiast and a culture curator, he ensured that he played a significant role in this regard to make a difference in the lives of people through initiation of projects including vocally taking a stand against GBV. He was a people's person who worked with various stakeholders.

The untimely passing of his father in 1984 meant his widowed mother would ultimately resign from her career as a teacher to continue her husband's legacy as the regent. His late maternal uncles Mr Thomas Mgaga, Mr Douglas Mgaga as well as the people of Ndimakude served as his core support system throughout his upbringing.

He is survived by his mother Queen Zuziwe Victoria (Nobandla!) Sigcau, his two (2) sisters, Princesses sisters Nontsasa and Ziyanda Sigcau, and his six (6) children Yolisa (Yoyo), Emihle (Mimi), Lona, Ayabulela, Nizole and Khulisa. Lala Ngoxolo Faku! Ngqungqushel! Nyawuza! Ziqelekazi! Hlambangobubende!

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