

Bogoshikgolo (The Kingship) bja Bapedi bo lefateng. It is in Limbo, and it has been for quite a longtime now, and nature does not allow a vacuum.

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The kingdom of Bapedi has been leaderless, running on auto pilot for quite sometime now. The three most formidable assets that Marota and their allies had in the hands which made them the pioneers and a force to recon with in the height of Marota empire, was warriors and dingaka who keep winning war after war. The second one was hoes (megoma) which was as a result of monopolizing metal working through their alliance with Vhambezi whom they found in Tubatse area. They were adopted by Vhambezi and badimo ba Vhambezi through a ritual, thereby Marota became Vhambezi through adoption. Marota also formed an alliance with Batau ba Nkadimeng because they were rich in cattle, and also had hoes (megoma) and axes (dilepe) with which they they cleared and ploughed their vast land which was used for ploughing, cattle grazing, hunting and firewood. In those days it meant that Batau ba Nkadimeng were wealthy and selfsufficient and Marota needed them for that. Later to solidify their relationship with Batau ba Nkadimeng, marota initiated a system of intermarriages between Marora and Batau ba Nkadimeng. All the pillars that Marota empire rested on during the zenith of their empire have collapsed, and have taken the Bapedi empire down with them. Soon, a new empire will emerge to pilot the Bapedi nation, and the empire will not be the reemergence or the resurrection of the old Bapedi empire it will be a new empire formed through new alliances, alliance that revolve around mastering and monopolizing resources, and power in today's new world. It will be a new empire because Marota empire is beyond resurrection, what remains today is just a shadow of their former glory (not even a shell of Marota empire remain), the Marota empire today is as good as dead, it is wounded far beyond recovery. Bogoshikgolo bja Marota a bo lefateng because of infightings that we see which played in public and in our courts for the past four decades, it is not in limbo because of what happened after the death of Thulare or Sekwati because after the death of Thulare or Sekwati there was a chance to save the Marota empire if the participants were willing to do it. It was in limbo during the reign Sekhukhune I and worse after his death due to both internal fights and interference of outside political forces. That, coupled with shift in political power and advanced economy completely put down the mighty Marota empire down to its knees and what the events of the past four decades did was just to finish it off.