Heritage Council Tasked to Request for ‘Skulls’

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WINDHOEK – Cabinet has instructed the National Heritage Council of Namibia to make an official request to the German government for the repatriation of the remains of 47 Namibians that are in a German museum.

Cabinet took the decision at its meeting on Tuesday after Prime Minister Nahas Angula tabled a letter written by two traditional leaders Chief Kuaima Riruako and Chief Dawid Fredericks representing the Ovaherero and !Aman clan, respectively.

Speaking to New Era yesterday, Angula said the entire Cabinet overwhelmingly supported the request and directed that the National Heritage Council through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs approach the German government.

Angula said the German government will also be expected to provide information regarding the origin of the remains in order for the National Heritage Council to identify the remains and accord them a proper burial.

Angula could not speculate on how long the process will take and said everything will depend on how fast Germany would respond to the request.

Riruako expressed appreciation to the Namibian Government for finally agreeing to request the remains of

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