WINDHOEK – Prime Minister Nahas Angula says the Namibian Government will not make an official request to the German government to repatriate the skulls of Namibians that are stored at the Medical History Museum in Berlin.

Angula said when the Germans took the skulls of Namibians for research, they did not get any permission from Namibians and thus it is insensitive of them to expect the Namibian Government to make a request.

“When they took the skulls, who gave them permission? Whom did they ask?”

The Premier made the comments following remarks attributed to a German foreign affairs spokesperson, who was quoted as saying that “for the moment there has been no official request that has been received from the Namibian authorities” to repatriate the skulls.

Angula said the Germans should bring back the skulls with no conditions and ensure that these Namibians are given a proper burial.

He challenged the Germans to ensure that the skull of the Nama Chief Cornelius Frederick is returned.

Angula added that the Government is considering building a museum at Shark Island in the future. Information emerged earlier this year – there are 47 skulls that are stored at the Medical History Museum at the Charite Hospital in Berlin. The skulls belong to Namibians who lived in the southern part of the country and at Swakopmund.

It is suspected that the skulls from the southern part of the country belong to the Nama-speaking people, while the skulls from Swakopmund are from Hereros, Damaras and Namas as well.

It has not been confirmed yet whether one of the skulls belongs to Frederick, who was beheaded and there is a