

process of segregation based on dominance and subordination. The resultant interaction patterns contained signals of differentiation and discrimination of the ability of officials to air their views at certain group fora. Consequently some of us have been deprived of any forum for collective group discussion of issues and problems of either the nation or the official group. I recognise that there was an attempt to correct the issue of identity that led to the deindividuation and dehumanization of some group officials, and the attempts at differentiation based on dominance and submission. The damage to collective identity had, however, irrevocably been done and the seed of differentiation based on perceived superior and inferior human beings had been surfaced. It can be seen even in perceptions from parliament regarding certain officeholders. But these are infringements of the constitutional right to dignity of the person, freedom from servitude, and discrimination which can not be taken away from any person merely by accepting official appointment. The issue ceased to be a question of status.

At the personal level, this situation was not helped when I realised continued hostility to my person by some group officials still aggrieved by the honest discharge of my official duties which they could not contest at the time. They disguised their hostility with the eflusion of time when memory dimmed under a charge of inflexibility against me. (Thank God it is not a charge of dishonesty or corruption! I have not been deterred because I know my rights, responsibilities, obligations, and the dangers that doing ones work with honesty entails. Others in history have been framed up or killed for the honest discharge of duty.) I decided therefore to mind my official business through 'standard procedures' until expressly invited.