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"Lesego" leo le sa rategego la phiri The hyena's infamous "laugh" Phiri © clan names. Izithakazel zakwa Phiri Origin. Phiri HistoryPhiri.Jele,Zanani,Phumisa,Matanje,Kalonga (the great ancestor).Chilomba,Mgwagwa,Milandzi,Ntaba,matanje wamphunoZikomo bamboBanda(not sure)MasekoMatshemlazaMayeyeMatshekcombe Phiri's are Nyasa, they are originally from Malawi/Nyasaland. Most researchers say Phiri means Mountain in Tonga/Chewa, the surnames has spread all over southern Africa. Maravi was a state established by the Chewa people, descendants of the Amaravi, in the area of Lake Malawi, in present-day Malawi, in the 16th century. The present-day name "Malawi" is said to derive from "Maravi" which itself means "fire flames". Phiri means Mountain in Tonga pronounced Pili...they belong to the clan of the Mankhambara, Tchakwanika and a Phiri royal chieftancy..Mankhambara being the paramount chief.The Phiris are from the northern region of Malawi..namely Nkhata bay, Sanga,all the way up to the Tanzanian border etc.