

## **Battle of the Bulls**

### **TRAILER**

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The root source of bullfighting, otherwise known as Mayo in local language is Shilembe. Shilembe is a traditional ceremony performed at the burial of a great person. It is very similar to the present day 21-gun salute.

In Isukha, the following four categories of people are considered great

The first category is of those who are aged and had children. Traditionally, the Isukha people live for many years but those who lived to see their great grandchildren (bitsukhulu) and their great grandchildren (bisoni) were considered to be great for living their lives to the full. This is a polygamous society where children were and are still

considered a blessing and part of ones property and thus the more one had the more successful he was.

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