

HIDIPO

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in the sand of perpetual denial, while pleading ignorance of his behind the scene conducts. He attributes all his self-induced misdeeds and malice to the people he despises.

Hidipo erroneously claimed that his infant Party is the only one that could bring real change. Mr Hidipo is not being honest neither decent to himself, nor with the public. He is regrettably preaching falsehood. He is singing wrong verses. He was in the SWAPO Party and occupied privileged positions as a member of the Central Committee and its Politburo. He was a Cabinet member for years and took the sacred oath. This oath mandates Cabinet members to effect "real change" for the benefit of the people of all Namibians. If one may ask, did Hidipo intentionally put his mind on parking and waited for an opportune time to defect and effect the so-called "real change?" Hidipo should not play and gamble with the intelligence of our people. Those who take oath should not betray their conscience. Should we assume that he was ignorant of the terminology until someone else somewhere in the world used it and was then magically wheel-chaired to a certain State House to become President of a country? It will be a joke and farfetched dream for Hidipo to become a President of Namibia during this epoch. If such a rare possibility was there, then his desertion from SWAPO means that his chances have evaporated and dried up for good. Do not waste your time and energy. Hidipo has reached a *cul de sac*. One can only rightly and accurately conclude that either Hidipo has become arrogant or he is in denial mode. Hidipo should accept that he is in a sorry state. You harvest what you seed! Stop accusing the SWAPO Party. Hidipo was in a hurry to ascend to Presidency. He

misinformed and convinced himself that he was born with a Presidential crown on his head, which does not exist. By nature and for us who know the man, he puts himself above others, misguided by a superfluous and flawed sense of entitlement and self-centredness. He is also known as someone who always rubbishes the ideals that threaten his ego and referred to those he disrespects as "Haiyambos". Hidipo does this ring a bell in your ears?

For Hidipo to allege that the SWAPO Party has completely lost its way and was only concentrating on "history politics" reveals the shabbiness of his understandably unsettled state of mind. Much of our heritage and values are embedded in our history. We value our history as we shape our destiny. History, the present and future are all intractably bonded. If the RDP and its President hate history, then they would mislead future generations of this country. Our history is full of truth, including supreme sacrifices of the sons and daughters of Namibia whose blood waters our freedom. Namibia is still grieving. It is crystal clear that under Hidipo's government, these national martyrs will be forgotten, ridiculed forever and dishonoured. This is evident in political symbols of the RDP where the flag is in other colours and the important colour "red" which symbolises the precious blood of the heroes and heroines of Namibia is left out. It is mind-boggling and deceitful that the "conglomerate of the defectors (the RDP)" does not want history to be told. May be it is because the baby RDP has no history. That is not SWAPO's business. Hidipo should remember that he left his history in SWAPO and its government. Bad or good, that is left to the high tribunal of history to judge. It will be told by future

generations. We still talk about the Muyongo and Shipanga episodes. We will therefore talk about the Hidipo and Nyamu saga. Those who deny and disassociate themselves from history do so for simple reasons, either they have debts with history, or are ashamed of their own record.

Hidipo, come on, humble yourself and do not inflate your egos. How can one explain the self-aggrandizement motives and self-importance of a person who went as far as claiming the authorship of the National Anthem? He claimed at one time that he composed the National Anthem on a plane while on his way to Cuba. If someone is ready to plagiarise the work of someone for his own self-glorification, what does that tell you about his personality. How can a person with such character ever be trusted or let alone believed?

It is good to talk, but if one cannot back his/her words with credible facts then they would become satirical. Hidipo has the audacity to provocatively state that SWAPO Party leaders have lost Vision. One wonders who are the visionary and dedicated leaders in RDP? What sort of Vision do they have to earn them the title of visionaries or is he referring to a mirage Vision of seeing himself vibrating as President of Namibia? Rational defines such attitude as optical illusion. It suffices to say that RDP and its ambitious and opportunistic leaders are not visionaries, but figments of their illusory imagination. We know those disgruntled and frustrated deserters well. Let them read the SWAPO Party Manifesto. They will find that it is indeed a Contract with the people of Namibia. It also clearly spells out how SWAPO intends to enhance Foreign Relations and International Co-operation. What good ideas

and Vision is Hidipo referring to? We have not heard any new idea from the haunted deserters apart from regurgitating and insultingly labelling anyone that the RDP dislikes as "Omusati clique". If that is their Vision for Namibia, then it is not relevant to modern politics, but obsolete because the days of Bantustan and tribalism are long buried under a solid concrete. A Vision based on derogatory terminology cannot develop Namibia, but divide it. SWAPO is for unity and cohesion of the Namibian Nation. Hidipo referred to the Founding President as "SWAPO Chief". That makes him sound like a representative of a gossip news magazine called "Africa Confidential". Should we assume that he has been a regular contributor? He seems not to know that the Founding President is not a SWAPO Chief. If he thinks that he is in this election to run against the Founding President Sam Nujoma, then he is stuck in the sand and left behind by the wave of history.

Let Hidipo and his RDP followers know that every successful nation is built by the energy and sweat of its own people. History being bitter or sweet should be told. It is not easy to find good and praising words to recount the ugly history that our people were subjected to. The Founding President frankly and with a heavy-heart recounted the traumatic events, agonising circumstances and barbaric actions perpetuated against our people for nearly hundred years. All of a sudden Hidipo dislikes history. Let him be reminded of the words of SWAPO at the launching of the armed struggle 43 years ago. At that time, Ethiopia and Liberia filed concurrent applications through ICJ, instituting contentious proceedings against South Africa. This was to obtain a binding and enforceable judgment to indicate that the policy of Apartheid has miserably failed to "promote to the utmost the material and moral well-being and social progress of the inhabitants of Namibia". SWAPO was left with no other option than to declare that the ICJ's inexcusable refusal to act "would relieve Namibians once and for all from any illusions which they may have harboured about the United Nations as some kind of a saviour in their plight" SWAPO had no other alternative, but to take up arms and bring about the liberation of Namibia. So we say to Hidipo that is what we said then and never wavered, but we never disengage ourselves from the international community.

Therefore, putting the painful history in context using appropriate adjectives does not mean that we do not appreciate contributions

from the Americans, English and the Germans. We must not shay away from the historical fact that during our liberation struggle, the governments of those countries were not on our side, but yes the majority of their citizens supported our noble cause. We welcome and acknowledge the role played by our development partners. The SWAPO Party is solid and unyieldingly committed to pursuing and addressing issues of Foreign Policy and national interests as spelled out by the provisions of Article 96 of the Namibian Constitution and not mortgaging our national interest as down payment for the international auction.

The SWAPO Party unlike the RDP does not look upon Germans, Americans or British as our saviours. They are our serious development partners with mutual beneficiary relations. The Founding President encouraged Namibians to work hard and not succumb to a perpetual beggar Syndrome. We are cordially working with our development partners to avoid pitfalls. Hidipo's Vision seems to be to turn Namibia into a dependent nation of Mobutu's Zaire proportion, which became a sanctuary of foreign pumped in money that ended up as a Tsunami of economic destruction. The RDP leader has to note that recipient countries do have a voice to ask whether the assistance from those countries has positive effect on Africa or not. These questions may be raised democratically and publically. Not every foreign assistance, given to Africa has contributed to enhancement of prosperity and livelihood of Africans. For example, former World Bank consultant and economist Dambisa Moyo has created quite a stir in the debate over the effectiveness of foreign aid. She raises legitimate questions about the more than US\$1 trillion in development aid provided to African governments by the developed world over the past 50 years, but still no significant changes in terms of visible development. Also Kotze and Kellerman expressed concern about the presence of about 80 000 foreign advisers in Africa, South of the Sahara, by the middle of the 1980s, and the fact that Africa was characterised by deterioration rather than by development.

Hidipo strangely alleges that "Namibia does not have proper leaders in its government now". The picture of Namibia in the world is no more good....we need to change now, before it is too late". That reveals and reaffirms his innate attitude to belittle others and demonstrate his lingering appetite for power and not for development. Is his main preoccupation, by using the terminology "development"

only to window-dress his craving for power? Who is he appealing in international arena? Does he owe any body debts and if so, does he want to repay those debts with the energy and sweats of the people of Namibia? Hidipo, you know better that the SWAPO Party has a living pool of leaders both veterans and young with Vision and great leadership acumen.

Hidipo should be the last person to talk about corruption and mal-administration. His indelible finger prints are all over the shoddy deals. How can Hidipo and Nyamu parade themselves as men of unquestionable integrity and dignity? His portrayal of the Northern railway project as waste of money and energy as well as white elephant invites questions. Does he imply that the railway is only good for some parts of Namibia and not for others? How can he talk of national development if he dismisses the construction of vital infrastructure, which is prerequisite for development? Who has lost Vision here? Is it the one who believes that infrastructural development or upgrading is a waste of time and energy or the one who invests in them? He has gone on the record boasting and frantically beating his chest that it was him who solely initiated the Ramatex project. Well and good. Can he tell us of what Ramatex has become? What about Piddico, DBC, AMCOM and so forth? Have they all become golden elephants? Why is he selective and cherry picking? Can Hidipo and his twin laughing partner Nyamu tell the nation of what happened to a whooping NS\$ 100 million?

Hidipo and Nyamu claim that while in SWAPO Party, they provided good advice and in return they happen to be hated. That is a ridiculous statement to say the least. Which good advice did Hidipo and Nyamu give? Hidipo and Nyamu, there is much to be exposed about your lethargy while you were Ministers. You better remain silent. Hidipo's remarks only reveal what many had suspected that he is not a genuine person. He values his ambition more than anything else. How can he prove that the Northern railway project was dreamt up to boast "someone's image? Does he intends to tell us that all projects he claims to have initiated including composing the National Anthem as he alluded to were meant to boast his personal image? As stated earlier on, Hidipo is a man who sees others through his own heavy shadow. It is a pity that those blindly following him now will one day be awakened to a crude reality of Hidipo's chame-

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Nofactionalism in SPYL

Dear Editor of New Era, in a story written by one of your journalist John Ekongo titled "Ithete denies being RDP member" which appeared in the New Era of October 7, 2009, he quoted sources who claimed that Cde Natangwe Ithete belongs the 'Owambo camp'. It is good that Cde. Ithete dismissed this tribal factionalism. In fact, this was the first time I learned about such a "tribal camp". Thus, it was truly strange to learn of this new characterization of alleged factions in the youth wing being alleged as "Ngurare heading a non-Oshiwambo faction while his deputy Jutta Shikomba leading the Owambo camp". Whatever perceived factions there may be in the

SPYL or for that matter in the SWAPO Party, as far as we are concerned the SPYL and SWAPO Party operate on the basis of the Constitutions of SPYL and of the SWAPO Party and thus never on the tribal basis and it will be good for your reporter to desist from flaming such tribal concoctions. The tribal camps are the RDPs and not SWAPO Party which is a political home of all Namibians irrespective of their race, tribe, economic status or language group. After all, in the so-called Ngurare camp includes more Oshiwambo speaking than in the other so-called Shikomba camp. The issue should be about competency and delivery and must not

be about tribes. Finally, it is my considered view, that the current SPYL national leadership's composition is in the interest of SWAPO Party and the future of Namibia.

I would thus encourage all young people of our country regardless of the race or tribe to stream to the gospel of SPYL which is anchored on Youth Empowerment and Rural Development and above all it is anchored on the defence of Namibia's national interest and sovereignty on the basis of which we shall remain forever patriotically stubborn.

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