

Alcoholism is not our traditional way (RESPONSE to Amushe from Oshikuku and Dominic Von Strosser from Windhoek”).

I read with dismay the article written by “Amushe from Oshikuku and Dominic Von Strosser from Windhoek” on their letter dated 14 August 2009 on The Namibian Newspaper on the alleged remarks of racism made by honourable Peter Ilonga. Firstly I want to tell them that their accusations are blatant lies. The Deputy Minister did not make any racial statements as they are alleging. In fact the Deputy Minister said “let us stop indulging in alcohol and drugs abuse, particularly, the youth of this country.”

Secondly, I would like to advise “Amushe and Dominic” to acquaint themselves with the history of Namibia and that of Africa. We are living in a millennium of African Renaissance, African Recovery and Reawakening, therefore, our policy of National Reconciliation and our constitution should not be used as a shield to cover the evil did perpetuated by the white imperialist.

You do not need to be a “Rocket Scientist” to discover that both the Germany fascist and the white colonial imperialist have used alcohol as a notorious tool of subjugation. I am made to believe that “Amushe and Dominic” are novice about the history of Namibia and that of Africa. The honorable Deputy Minister Peter Ilonga has proven to the young people of this country that he is a caring father and indeed a responsible leader; by warning us the young people against the danger associated with alcohol abuse. His statements were so true, such that it drawn the attention of the “white guilt”, because of heightening awareness of the catastrophic consequences caused by white who introduced and sold



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alcohol to Native Africans. This “white guilt” will continue to increase, in a lot of ways, as we the young African together with our leaders such as Peter Ilonga (Ekanda) continue to vigorously free ourselves from the plague of alcoholism.

Dominic Von Strosser must go and ask his uncles as to why they shipped thousands of barrels of rum across the sea to African. He should tell the Namibian people, why his uncles gave alcohol to our people without warning them that it was addictive? Dominic and Amushe are having a short memory and they are suffering from ideological bankruptcy. If whites were responsible and decent persons, why did they neglect to inform our people, that if they were to get addicted to alcohol they would do evil things? We cannot allow ourselves to be deceived in an independent Namibia. Whites have intentionally deceived our African tribal leaders for the purpose of gaining an opportunity to coheres and manipulate them into capturing their own people for the purpose of trading them (as slaves)

for rum.

This notorious scam of white has worked; our black African tribal leaders became addicted to their alcohol and out of ignorance and psychological conspiracy perpetuated by whites, they captured their own people for the purpose of trading them (as slaves) for more alcohol. Hence, the white slave traders were able to make a lot of money. Can Amushe and Dominic dispute these facts of history? Whites have greedily made a profit from the slave traders’ by promoting alcohol abuse in Africa. They put the captured black African slaves in their ships as cargo bound for America and on the way to America many of our people died because of the ships unhealthy living conditions; and for the slaves that survived the trip they were separated (husband from wife, children from parents) and sold to white customers who lived many miles apart.

Finally I want Amushe and Dominic to get themselves a copy of the Honorable Deputy Minister’s speech and read it thoroughly. They will prove themselves wrong as there are no racial statements. Shame on you Amushe and Dominic!

There are confused people in Namibia who like to distort facts and take issues out of context. The White people I have referred to in this article, are those that perpetuated colonialism and oppressed our people. There were and still is some black Namibian like Amushe, who are supporting racism. Those good whites who supported us during the liberation struggle such as the late Antonio Lubowski will be remembered for all their heroic deeds.

The remark made by the Editor

of the Namibian News Paper that the Deputy Minister deviated from his speech when he made the racial statements is a living testimony that this newspaper is still suffering from colonial hangover. Madam Gwen Lister must know that we know our history and we will not allow any body to distort it maliciously. You must remember that the part of Africa you are finding yourself today is no longer

German South West Africa nor South West Africa, but it is called an Independent Republic of Namibia. You must remember that we the youth are having the responsibility to protect our parent as they have sacrificed for us during the dark days of colonialism, that your forefather brought to Africa with the introduction of alcohol and other unspeakable and inhumane measures. Therefore I cannot allow

you to accuse Hon Peter Ilonga (Ekanda) by leveling blatant and unfounded lies.

Namibia is forever free. It will never go back to the hands of the colonial minority rules. We have liberated it and we will continue to patrol it!

VIVA Cde Ekanda VIVA!!!

By: Juta Shikomba

Pakistan gains upper hand in war but far from complete victory

ISLAMABAD, — With some of the top Taliban leaders allegedly killed or duly arrested, analysts and local media believe that Pakistan is winning the war. But they have been reminded by the follow-up revenge suicide attacks of the fact that the fight against extremism is far from over and it’s too early to declare a complete triumph for Pakistan over the military operations against the Taliban in the country’s insurgency-ravaged northwest.

TALIBAN SPLIT AFTER CHIEF KILLED

Pakistani officials said Tuesday that the chief spokesman of the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) Maulvi Omar was arrested along with accomplices in northwest Pakistan’s Mohmand tribal area while traveling to South Waziristan, part of the lawless tribal regions along Pakistan’s border with Afghanistan. Omar was the second prominent Taliban figure to be arrested in 24 hours. Qari Saifullah, a commander affiliated to Harkat Jihad-e-Islami, an Al-Qaeda-linked group, was detained while being treated at a private hospital in Islamabad.

Both are still being questioned about their possible roles in militant attacks in Afghanistan and Pakistan, police said. Moreover, a minister from the North West Frontier Province (NWFP) said Omar had confirmed that the TTP leader Baitullah Mehsud was killed in a U.S. drone attack earlier this month.

The Pakistan’s most wanted Taliban militant commander was reportedly killed by a U.S. missile attack on Aug. 5 in South Waziristan, but the Taliban had previously denied reports that he was dead.

Two days later, a shoot-out broke out between Mehsud’s potential successors in Waziristan in which one was killed and the other wounded, reports said. Believed to command as many as 20,000 pro-Taliban militants, Mehsud came to worldwide attention in the aftermath of the 2007 Red Mosque siege in Islamabad, in which the Pakistani security forces confronted and forcibly ejected militant students loyal to him.

He has also been blamed for a series of suicide bomb attacks in the country, as well as suicide attacks on Western forces across the border in Afghanistan. As various militant groups fight it out to inherit the two billion rupees (about 25 million U.S. dollars) in cash and weaponry left behind by Mehsud, government and security officials said it will take the TTP a considerable time to rebuild and recover from a shocking blow to its leadership.

Some analysts in Islamabad said the Taliban is under serious pressure and that its remaining leadership is in disarray. They said the Aug. 8 clash over leadership was only the beginning. “It will trigger

a leadership crisis, they will find it very difficult to fill the vacuum. There cannot be a bigger loss for TTP than Mehsud,” said Rahimullah Yousufzai, an expert on tribal affairs. A security official, who sat at the preliminary interrogation of the captured TTP spokesman also quoted him as admitting to problems over succession. “The elimination of Baitullah is one big step, but it is still one step towards the elimination of the entire infrastructure. It will take a few years to reach that goal,” the official warned.

REVENGE SUICIDE ATTACKS COMING BACK

On Tuesday, a suicide bomber raided an explosives-filled car into a check point outside Miranshah, the main town of restive North Waziristan tribal district, killing four security personnel and injuring eight others, officials said. On Monday, at least 12 people were killed and 12 wounded at a car blast in a petrol station in Charsadda, some 30 kilometers from the NWFP capital of Peshawar. Reports said the bomb was attached to the passenger pick-up. Pakistan Taliban have claimed the responsibility of the pick-up blast.

The TTP has vowed to launch a fresh wave of retaliation attacks after their leader has been reportedly killed. The Pakistani government has warned of the revenge attacks by Taliban militants during celebrations of Pakistan’s 62nd Independence Day. On Saturday, the second day after the independence day, a suicide bomber rammed into a security check post with his explosives-packed vehicle in Swat, killing five security personnel and a civilian.

That was the first suicide attack in Swat valley since security forces started the military operations against Taliban militants in the area in late April. Also on Tuesday, two more government schools set on fire by militants in nearby Lower Dir. So far, more than 50 schools have been torched from April 26 in Lower Dir, police sources said.

Local media said Pakistan is suffering from a deadly Islamist backlash that has killed more than 2,000 people in bomb attacks in the past two years. Sajjan Gohel, security and intelligence analyst at the Asia Pacific Foundation in London, said Mehsud’s death is significant but it’s not going to lead to long-term damage to the TTP, warning there will be new generations of dangerous terrorist leaders and suicide bombers because the individual leader can be eliminated but if the infrastructure and the network, which had been built up over decades, are not dismantled then that individual can be replaced, and there remains the underlying problems which feed it, poverty and inequality.

Talat Masood, a defense analyst and retired Pakistani army general, told Xinhua that the Pakistani gov-

ernment would have to be very active and more vigilant to ensure that the Taliban in its tribal regions do not create problems for Afghanistan during the elections set for Aug. 20.

WAZIRISTAN OPERATION ASSURED WITH U.S. HELP

Acclaiming the role and contribution of Pakistani security agencies in fighting terrorism, the visiting U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan Richard Holbrooke on Tuesday assured all-out U.S. assistance to meet Pakistan’s counter-insurgency needs by providing military hardware and other related equipment to Pakistani security forces, adding that Washington was trying to expedite delivery of the equipment requested by the Pakistani army, including helicopters and parts. When meeting Pakistan’s Army Chief General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, Holbrooke praised the security agencies in crushing Taliban militants in Swat, Malakand of the NWFP and parts of the abutting Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA). Military operations in FATA’s Waziristan also came under discussion.

Kayani called for supply of U.S. drone technology to Pakistan in order to strengthen its defense as part of long-term counter-terrorism efforts, making it clear that U.S. drone strikes against terrorists hide-outs along Pak-Afghan border were neither sustainable nor productive as they were increasingly creating anti-U.S. sentiments. Pakistan began to send troops into South Waziristan in June, although a full-scale offensive was not expected until the end of this month.

The government hopes that by then it will have re-established control further east in the mountain valleys of Swat, where the army has been fighting since April against another Taliban group under the leadership of Maulana Fazlullah. After briefing Holbrooke on the operations against militants, Lieutenant-General Nadeem Ahmed told reporters that the Pakistani army was trying to create the right conditions for a full-blown offensive in the rugged South Waziristan region by imposing a tight blockade on entry and exit points, and by pounding militant targets from the air. Some U.S. officials have expressed concern that Pakistan will lose momentum if it puts off the offensive for too long.

With U.S. troop strength growing in Afghanistan, Washington wants Pakistani forces in control of the area to prevent Taliban fighters from crossing the border unimpeded as they did during U.S. operations in Afghanistan in 2001. Analysts said Mehsud’s elimination, which likely would have required close coordination between the Americans and Pakistanis, also indicated that the two often-mistrustful allies may have cemented their security relationship. (Xinhua)

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FOR THE CITY OF WINDHOEK



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TENDER NO. TRA 120/2009

Title: Plant Hire contract for a two year period from October 2009 to October 2011
Description: (Hiring of Road Construction Equipment on an as – and - when – required basis).
Site Inspection: **Compulsory** tender briefing will be held on Friday 28 August 2009 at 09:00 in the Committee Room, Customer Care Centre Rev. Michael Scott Street, Windhoek.
Closing Date: Friday 11 September 2009 at 11:00
Tender Documents: Available as from Monday 24 August 2009 at 12h00, at the Customer Care Centre, Rev. Michael Scott Street, Windhoek.
Levy: N\$ 100.00 (Non-refundable)
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TENDER NO. M 88/09

Description: Outsourcing of pre-payment electricity vending function (Two Yearly tender)
Site Meeting: **Compulsory** site meeting will be held on 28 August 2009, 10:00 in the Board room of the Electrical Department (c/o Armstrong and Stokes Street.)
Closing Date: Friday 11 September 2009 at 11:00
Tender Documents: Available as from Monday 24 August 2009 at 12h00, at the Customer Care Centre, Rev. Michael Scott Street, Windhoek.
Levy: N\$ 150.00 (Non-refundable)
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