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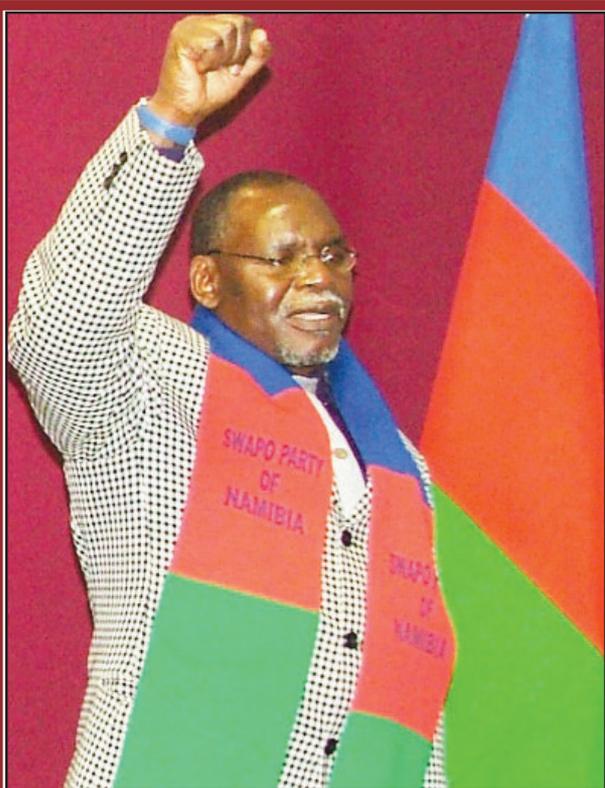


Due to public interest in the election court case, we have decided to publish judgments by Judge President, Petrus Damaseb, and High Court Judge Collins Parker, on pages 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 8, 9. Read for yourself.



DPRK orders army, people prepared for warfare

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On Sunday, March 14, marks exactly two years since the untimely death of the late Cde John Alfonso Pandeni, in a car accident. He is always remembered for his dedication, commitment and loyalty to the SWAPO Party and the country. Cde Pandeni was Minister of Regional and Local Government and Housing and Rural Development at the time of his death. May his soul rest in peace.

All is not well at Poly

Registrar dubiously enrolls own daughter in a degree course

By Asser Ntinda

Allegations of corruption and nepotism are flying high at the Polytechnic of Namibia, with staff members and students alleging that Namibia's second biggest institution of higher learning is dragging its feet on the formation of a trade union.

The Registrar of the Polytechnic, Mr Komeers Jafta, has also come under fire for having allegedly engineered his daughter to be admitted on a sponsored programme, despite the fact that she did not meet the requirements but was nevertheless preferred over those who met the requirements.

Students are now up in arms over how the Registrar's daughter, Ludmira Jafta, was admitted for a degree course on

the medical science programme, even though she did not have the required points.

In 2007, the Polytechnic advertized the two programmes under its Health Science Division, namely the Medical Science and Environmental Health programmes. Thirty students were needed in each programme. As a requirement, successful applicants needed to have high grades in mathematics, physical science and biology, at least 30 points and above.

More than 600 applications were received from which 30 successful applicants for each programme were selected. When the pre-selection started, many needy students especially from rural areas were allegedly left out, even though they had met the requirements, while Jafta's daughter was admitted



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though she had fewer points.

One student who applied for the course said that she had worked hard to get good points

when she saw the advertisement in the newspapers in 2007. She had 34 points, but her application was rejected.

"I do not understand why I did not get admitted at the Polytechnic," she told Namibia Today. "I was reliably informed that some students who did not do well, as I did, were admitted. It is very sad for me to tell you that one of the students admitted to the Medical Science Programme is Ludmira Jafta who did not have enough points to qualify for admission.

"I want the leadership of the Polytechnic to investigate this case. It reeks of corruption and nepotism. I am very disappointed. The Anti-Corruption Commission, ACC, should investigate this case. It is very serious. How can the Registrar

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POWER TO THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE

Dr. Elijah Ngurare, Secretary of SPYL

The people have spoken in November 2009. They have done so unambiguously clear to grant our SWAPO Party 2/3 majority in parliament and to govern Namibia for the next five years.

This also means that our people have confidence in the Election Manifesto of the SWAPO Party. Nothing more nothing less! However, our people did not stand in long queues so that those deployed to implement the Election Manifesto should become apologetics to the electoral losers. Neither did our people vote us to allay the fears of Washington DC, Paris, Berlin or London. Equally, our people did not vote us so that we can elucidate the difficulties of governance or the sophistication of the English language. They did not vote for us in order to gov-



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ern for others in the name of good governance or other meaningless jargons of Margaret

Thatcher's Westminster. Instead, our people voted for us to deliver on the realistic

programmes and policies we have adopted as part of the Election Manifestos. H.E. President Pohamba is lauded in saying that if there are laws we find inhibiting in delivering the services to our people, such laws, policies or regulations must either be removed or reformed.

In this regard, Youth Empowerment in all its manifestations; Rural Development in all its manifestations; genuine economic empowerment in all its manifestations require that we become bold and unafraid in adopting such implementation strategies and techniques necessary to actualize the wishes of the 2009 SWAPO Party Election Manifesto. Once again, those comrades who will be deployed as Ministers and Deputy Ministers must form an

army of fearless cadres who must deliver on the implementation of the 2009 Election Manifestos, without fail. We shall wait keenly on how this performance will come into being. Are there some who would be transformed by the offices they would hold to forget how they got there or are there those who will climb the ladder and become arrogant of those peasants who voted for them. Time will tell and we shall wait and see.

For now, it is imperative to make a few observations. It is said that Yours Truly has handlers and Asser Ntinda also has handlers around him. Similarly, Dr. Ben Mulongeni is also said to have handlers. Be that as it may, who are the handlers of

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