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those accusing us of having handles? Who are the handlers of The Namibian newspaper; who are the handlers of NBC and who are the handlers of The Windhoek Observer? Your guess is as good as mine, but what is clear is that individuals who specifically lep- lous does not set their own terms.

Let us take the example of the so-called “jobs for comrades”. This is an illusion which was exclusively created by the editors of The Namibian newspaper for reasons known to itself. For all we know there is no such thing, if so, then all those areas that have voted resoundingly for the SWAPO Party will have all its inhabitants being employed by the SWAPO Party Government Ministries/Offices/Agencies exclusively. Nothing of the sort has happened. Fear has been fanned in the minds of some cadres instead of empowering our people we think that they do so in order to keep us in the dark. Why has the same newspaper been not vocal about those hi- mbitaria are currently being promoted at the expense of Party cadres. In some Minis- tries/Offices/Agencies it is a curse to belong to SWAPO Party. A certain Acting CEO was this week quoted as say- ing that “as CEO he is angered that the meeting which is to begin was not held in the Polytechnic. The Namibian would glorify on its SMS pages. Besides who is to say that the media in our coun- try is democratic when it comes to the nominating of candidates for the SWAPO Party. For instance, over 600,000 people voted for SWAPO Party in the just concluded elections, yet when you read the SMS of some of the Namibian newspapers, an impression is created that the people of Namibia do not like SWAPO Party. Apparently a “selection committee” has been convened. Each person spends 5/- to send such messages albeit anony- mously: who decide which dol- lars are to be paid to who? What is the rule of Tjivikua is enough. An antisem- title on whom the camera is to be focused and forget altogether the pursuance of the statutory vision and mission of the public broadcaster. As a member of the SWAPO Party, my per- sonal assistant and quickly rose to become a director. Dr Tjivikua and Olivier al- legedly travel a lot while the institution is singing in problems. They were allegedly in Thailand and South Africa last month. There is acrimony about this but the Council has not taken any action so far. Nepo- tism and favouritism allegedly also plays a role when it comes to recruiting people, with relatives and friends (names sup- plied) being preferred over competent and qualified people.

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