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# Battling unemployment

**Government reviews strategies to create more jobs  
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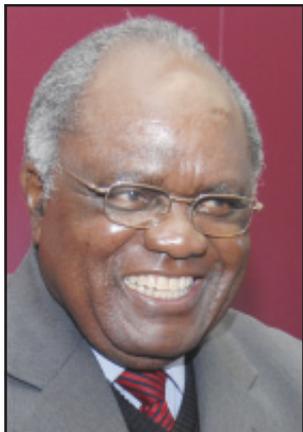
By Asser Ntinda

Government has stepped up its vigour to create more jobs and reduce skyrocketing unemployment in the country, whose rate currently now stands at slightly over 50 per cent of the country's work force.

A Cabinet release has revealed that the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare has been directed to create a special fund to support internship and mentorship programmes, while the Ministry of Education and that of Labour and Social Welfare have been mandated to formulate a paper on enforcement measures regarding understudies.

Cabinet has also directed that the requirement of experience for recruitment in the public service should not be allowed to block entry into the public service employment and that emphasis should be on qualifications. The Public Service Commission has now been directed to review regulations on entry level positions.

"Furthermore," read the Cabinet release, "the rule of not skipping grades in the public



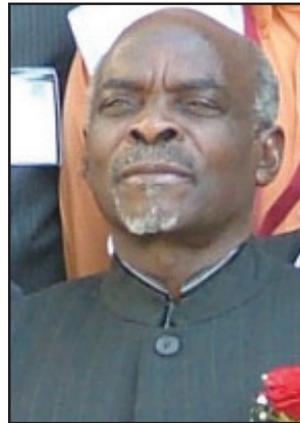
President Hifikepunye Pohamba service should be done away with and Cabinet directed the Public Service Commission to amend the regulation and come up with appropriate measures."

Cabinet has further directed that laws governing professional bodies such as the Engi-

neering Council should be revised to make them responsive to the country's situation and needs, advising that ministries under which such bodies fall should ensure that such bodies are responsive to the country's needs.

Government is now busy formulating mechanisms aimed at encouraging Namibians to take up their shares of positions in regional and international organizations, something which has not been encouraged in the past few years.

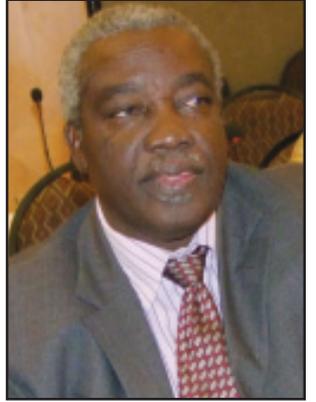
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has also been directed to oversee this process. Government has also instructed that Namibians quotas at foreign missions are filled. Namibians



Prime Minister Nahas Angula



Trade and Industry Minister Hage Geingob



Labour and Welfare Minister Immanuel Ngatjizeko



Works and Transport Minister Errki Nghimitina



Education Minister Abraham Iyambo



NPC Director General Tom Alweendo

studying abroad have been encouraged to take up these positions.

The National Planning Commission, NPC, has also been tasked to fast-track the final-

ization of the Human Resource Development Planning project.

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# Ya Nangoloh named and shamed

**NSHR boss in hot water**

By Asser Ntinda

The so-called executive director of the National Society for Human Rights, NSHR, Phil Ya Nangoloh has been named and shamed as a liar by some of his relatives over a list which he produced last week claiming that his "relatives" have come to his defence regarding his work as a human rights activist.

It has now emerged that some of the people whose names appeared on the 76 list have not been consulted and are now furious that Ya Nangoloh has dragged their names in the mud without their consent.

SWAPO Party District Co-ordinator at Onesi in Omusati

Region, Matti Auala, got the shock of his life when he found his name on the list, purportedly drawn up by Ya Nangoloh's "relatives" defending the latter.

Matti, a SWAPO Party staunch activist, said he had never met or spoken to Ya Nangoloh since his return from



Phil Ya Nangoloh

exile at independence in 1990, and at no point had he endorsed Ya Nangoloh's activities as the latter had claimed.

It has now emerged that Matti's name was put on the list by his niece, Martha Alweendo, who appeared number one on the list last week. She claimed that prior to the publication of the list, which had been widely distributed on the internet and to various newspapers, she tried to "contact" him without success.

"Therefore," she said in an apology to Matti, "I would like to accept full responsibility for the inclusion of Uncle Auala's name on the list of family members and I hereby sincerely tender by (sic) apology for any inconvenience caused to Uncle

Auala.

"I would like however, also to state I (sic) that, prior to publication, I tried, without success, to conduct Uncle Auala to inform him about the position of other family members.

"Nevertheless, I was of the opinion that Uncle Auala would not hesitate to publicly come to the defence of anyone of us and to be publicly known as having done that, as other family members have."

Matti has strenuously objected to the inclusion of his name on the list, threatening to take legal action against those

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