

# NSHR's boss in hot water

## Ya Nangoloh slapped with N\$300 000 defamation suit

By Asser Ntinda

The Executive Director of the National Society for Human Rights, NSHR, Phil Ya Nangoloh, has been slapped with a N\$300 000 defamation suit following a press release he issued late last year in which he claimed that three civil servants had a "hit list" to assassinate him and Editor of Informante, Max Hamata.

In the release, Ya Nangoloh claimed that there was a "clique" with the "country's civilian intelligence outfit," the Namibian Central Intelligence Agency, NCIA, which was plotting to "eliminate" Hamata, Ya Nangoloh and several



Phil Ya Nangoloh

"other perceived government critics."

Ya Nangoloh claimed that he had received "messages" from his sources in the intelligence service telling him to be "extremely careful." He claimed

that two such sources had named Founding President Dr. Sam Nujoma, as the "spider at the center of the web of such plotting."

The story was broken by Informante newspaper in December last year and Ya Nangoloh claimed that he was not at all surprised by Informante's "revelations" because prior to the publication of the story, he claimed that he had been "receiving messages for two weeks from sympathetic NCIS and Military Intelligence operatives" as well as other persons.

"They told me to be extremely careful as several top leaders in the so called Omusati

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The crowd that will put Ben Katamila in the dustbin of history, come February 24. SWAPO Party rally at Okahandja last week contrasted sharply with that of Katamila's, below, which only attracted fewer than 15 people. Katamila was expelled from SWAPO Party two weeks ago for defying Party instructions. He is now standing as an independent candidate. Photo by Levi Upula.

## Booys' to focus on developing Okahandja

By Levi Upula

SWAPO Party candidate for the Okahandja by-election will focus on economic development and the provision of potable and reliable water supply for the residents of the Okahandja Constituency.

Addressing a packed SWAPO Party rally, the third since the campaign started, Steve Biko Booys said that he would also make sure that there was a police station and health services at Five Rand and Oshetu – two informal settlements in Okahandja.

"Yes, the SWAPO Party reaffirms the true promotion of socio-economic development and service delivery and of

course the promotion of Okahandja as preferred investments destination for economic growth and employment creation," he told a cheering crowd.

"The provision of infrastructure for housing, industrialization and economic development and the improvement of the living conditions of the youth, the children and the elderly will be my priorities."

"I, Steve Biko Booys, tried and tested cadre of SWAPO Party stand for improvement of housing sanitation, water supply, community services, safety and social amenities and pioneer/youth empowerment and social up-liftment of the people of Okahandja."

He said that SWAPO Party had a clear vision and development programmes well advanced. Cont on page 2



All he could hope for! He can't hope to win with such a poor attendance. Independent candidate, Ben Katamila's "star rally" attracted fewer than 15 people at Okahandja last weekend – a poor following indeed. Photo by Levi Upula.

# Land laws under intense review

Namibia's land reform laws – the Agricultural Commercial Land Reform Act and the Communal Land Reform Act – are currently under magnifying glasses and may soon be amended and merged into one consolidated Land Act.

A two-day stakeholders' workshop was recently held in Otjiwarongo, Otjozondjupa Region, where the Draft Land



Hon. Henock Ya Kasita

Bill was intensely discussed and debated by some governors, regional councilors, traditional chiefs, local authorities councilors and officials from the Ministry of Lands and Resettlement.

This process, initiated by the Ministry of Lands and Resettle-

ment, seeks to create one Land Act for Namibia, where all land shall have the same status, meaning that no land will have superior status over another, as it is the case now.

"This means that, land held under customary rights will be registered and issued with secure title that is provided within the framework of our traditional practice. This process will facilitate easy administration of land," said the Deputy Minister of Lands and Resettlement, Henock Ya Kasita, when he opened the workshop.

"Secondary, the Land Acquisition and Development Fund will be accessible and benefit

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