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all agricultural land. Currently, it only benefits the commercial farm land.

“The consolidated Land Bill will also provide and extend the powers of the current Lands Tribunal to hear disputes for all agricultural land. The Tribunal is currently limited to commercial farm land only.”

Currently, land in Namibia does not have the same status. This has placed communal land at the receiving end because the development communal areas was hampered by the status that

was placed on it.

But for communal land to have the same status as any other land in the country, important instruments of the law had to be harmonized. Last week’s workshop was part of that process. The Agricultural (Commercial) Land Reform Act and the Communal Land Reform Act were enacted in 1995 and 2002 respectively.

The Deputy Minister said that once these two acts were consolidated into one Land Act, it would provide an opportunity for process improvement in the administration of all land in

Namibia with the exception of urban land and national parks.

Land, as a factor of production, plays a central role in poverty alleviation and its admin-

istration demands partnership and commitment from all stakeholders. Namibia will hold a national stakeholders’ conference early next month, said the

Deputy Minister.

“The Ministry is aware of the Namibian people’s concerns with regard to the pace at which land is acquired,” said Ya

Kasita. “I should assure you that the Ministry of Lands and Resettlement is doing its level best to speed up the process of acquiring land,” he said.

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Clique have allegedly drawn up a hit list consisting of Hamata and certain people in RDP (Rally for Democracy and Progress) to be eliminated,” claimed Ya Nangoloh in the press release.

“At least two such sources have named former Namibian President, Dr Sam Nujoma as the spider at the center of the web of such plotting, specifically the names of Shilunga, Dozze and Penna have often been cited as the implementers of this heinous scheming.”

As a result of that story, Ephraim Dozze Iлека, an Executive Secretary to the Founding President, has instituted legal action against Ya Nangoloh. Dozze’s lawyer, Sisa Namandje – a rising star in the legal profession – confirmed the defamation suit, adding that the summons would be handed over to Ya Nangoloh by yesterday, Thursday.

Dozze, through his lawyer, said that Ya Nangoloh’s allegations defamed him and were understood by people to mean that Dozze was the implementer of an unlawful plot to eliminate Ya Nangoloh and other persons, was a criminal, a killer and an intolerant secret agent.

“The above were made unlawfully with the intention to injure the plaintiff in his reputation and thereby lowering his esteem in the mind of the right thinking members of the community,” read the summons.

“As a result of the publication of the above statement, the

plaintiff’s reputation was injured and his esteem lowered in the eyes of the right thinking members of the community in Namibia and others who acquired knowledge of the statement by the defendant.”

The defamatory statement was aggravated by the fact that the allegations were not true and were made by the defendant when he himself could not reasonably believe in the truth of such statements and never took reasonable efforts to verify them before they were published.

“As a result of the defamatory statement made by the defendant, the context in which they were made, the aggravating features of those statements and the impact thereof on the plaintiff’s reputation in Namibia, the plaintiff has suffered damages in the amount of N\$300 000 which defendant is liable to pay to the plaintiff,” Namandje said in the summons.

Namandje is also asking Ya Nangoloh to pay the costs of the suit plus 20 per cent interest per year from the date of the judgment to the date of final payment. Ya Nangoloh could not be reached for comment.

One of the three people also named as “implementers of the hit list” is also suing Ya Nangoloh on the same allegations. Apart from the defamation suit which Dozze has laid against Ya Nangoloh, he is also planning to drag him to Uukwambi Traditional Authority to be charged in a traditional court. Once found guilty in a traditional court, hefty fines will be imposed, which may include money and herds of cattle.



SWAPO Party Vice President, Cde Hage Geingob

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justed to address the needs and aspirations of the people of Namibia, adding that the Party was committed to delivering on its promises as stipulated in the SWAPO Party Election Manifesto 2009.

“Therefore my active duty upon election into office would be the total implementation of this important guiding document,” he said. “Yes of course the confidence that you the voters have shown in this document and made the Party victorious has been recognized and will definitely be self-rewarding.

“I am appealing to all Namibians, particularly the youth and the born-frees, to be vigilant and make the right choice and the only right choice you can make in the coming election is to vote for SWAPO Party.”

He said it was through unity of purpose that SWAPO Party had managed to embrace resounding victories all over the country like at Eenhana, Omuthiya, Tobias Hayinyeko and in the just ended National Assembly and Presidential elections.

“We have mobilized our ultimate SWAPO Party machinery to defeat and bury Radopa, (Rally for Democracy and Progress) and its power hungry reactionaries and allies, even those who are parading themselves as SWAPO Party members while they are planning to confuse our people.”

SWAPO Party Vice President, Cde Hage Geingob, who was the keynote speaker, minced no words and thrilled the crowd when he compared RDP’s Hidipo Hamutenya to UNITA’s Jonas Savimbi. Savimbi, who is dead now, never accepted defeat in any election in Angola.

“Hidipo is not a democrat,” he said as the crowd cheered. “He is like Savimbi because he does not accept defeat. How can elections be free and fair

only when he wins? People should learn to accept defeat.

“I am happy for the people of Okahandja. I am impressed by this huge crowd. I have not seen anything like this at Radopa’s or Katamila’s meetings. Where are they? They are in for a rude shock. You have made me proud because I see that you are ready to defeat Radopa and Katamila.”

The Vice President said that SWAPO Party candidate was a young tested cadre of the Party who was elected fairly and freely through Party structures. He urged all the people, young and old, to vote for the SWAPO Party candidate. He praised the youth for being vigilant all the time.

“SWAPO Party Youth League, SPYL, warned us well in advance that there was a new party being formed by people from within SWAPO Party. We did not take them seriously. We thought these were just young people talking a usual. But sure enough, RDP was formed by people from SWAPO Party,” said Cde Geingob. “It is the same with hibernators. The youth are telling us that hibernators are there. They are there. They are amongst us. Very soon



Cde. Steve Biko Booyis

we will flush them out. I thank our Youth League for a job well done. Keep it up. Keep it up. Omakeel!” (Clap hands).

Dr. Geingob, who chaired the Constituent Assembly which drafted and adopted Namibia’s Constitution, said that he would consider changing the law that allows smaller parties to gain votes from bigger parties. Namibia uses proportional representation system as opposed to single member constituency.

“These smaller parties must be grateful,” he said. “Some did not even get enough votes for a seat but they are in by default. Maybe the time has come for us to revisit this system.”

More than 8000 SWAPO Party votes in the last National Assembly and Presidential Elections, which were not enough for a seat, were distributed to smaller parties as a result of the proportional representation system.



Ndilimani artists had a tough time being outshone by SWAPO Party Vice President, Cde Hage Geingob, at last week’s rally in Okahandja.. Photo by Levi Upula.

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