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# Bush clearing campaign kicks off

**'No more lives should be lost in bushy riverbeds' – Dr Nujoma**

By Asser Ntinda

Hundreds of learners from several schools in Windhoek and officials from both the private and public sectors joined Founding President Dr Sam Nujoma on Wednesday to clear bushes in riverbeds in the capital so that learners are no longer raped and killed by criminals on their way to or from schools.

A riverbed in Khomasdal learner from Dawid “We have the capacity to where Magdalena Stoffels, a Bezuidenhout High School, deal with them. They should



Founding President Sam Nujoma during the bush clearing campaign between Rocky Crest and Hochland Park. Photo by Asser Ntinda

was raped and murdered and a bushy area between Hochland Park and Rocky Crest were some of the areas cleared on Wednesday to make it easy for learners to go to and come back from school.

“I want our children to be free as they go and come back from schools,” said Founding President Dr Sam Nujoma. “We fought for this country to live in peace and harmony. But bandits and criminals are terrorizing our learners. We will deal with them.

not play with our peace and security. We went to war and freed our country so that our children can move around freely without any hindrance. We must make sure that these bandits and criminals are dealt with. We cannot have a situation whereby our children are afraid to go to schools because of these criminals.”

The bush clearing campaign was prompted by the murder of Stoffels last week in a riverbed near Dawid

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A cultural group entertaining guests at Bukalo during the Masubia annual festival. Photo by Asser Ntinda.

# Chief raps regional leadership

**'Why does everything stop at Linyanti Village only?' Chief Shufu threatens to withdraw his subjects from voting in regional elections if trend continues**

**'Culture is our heritage,' Chief Liswani III**

By Asser Ntinda

Bukalo and Sangwali palaces in the Caprivi Region became a hive of activities last weekend as the two traditional authorities hosted their annual cultural festivals on Saturday and Sunday respectively, showcasing some of their skilled cultural dancers in stylish fashion.

But the chiefs of the two traditional authorities did not only use the two occasions to pride themselves in their cultural heritage, but they also vented their anger and frustrations over some of the issues that affected their communities. One of them

threatened to withdraw his subjects from voting in future regional elections and only vote in Presidential and National Assembly elections, if the same trend continued.

Chief Liswani III took issues with New Era over an advert

that appeared in the paper some three weeks ago, saying that it was meant to divide his authority in the area of his jurisdiction, coming as it did to coincide with the Masubia Annual Cultural Festival.

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