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Campaign starts

SWAPO's top guns out for final victory

By Asser Ntinda

The gloves are on. SWAPO Party is ready to take on all political groupings in the coming regional and local authority elections at the end of next month and show them the exit door.

SWAPO Party President and President of the country, Cde Hifikepunye Pohamba, said he wanted nothing than a landslide victory for SWAPO Party to build on the achievements made over the past 20 years.

President Pohamba, Founding President Dr Sam Nujoma, Vice President Hage Geingob, Secretary General, Cde Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana, Deputy Secretary General, Cde Nangolo Mbumba, Prime Minister Nahas Angula, Deputy Prime Minister, Marko Hausiku and National Assembly Speaker, Dr Theo-Ben Gurirab, will spend the next weeks crisscrossing the country to address SWAPO Party's

rallies.

Officially launching SWAPO Party election campaign last weekend in Windhoek, President Pohamba said that the Party was gunning for total victory in all constituencies and local authority councils.

He said that the Party's strategy for victory was anchored on the strength and national character of SWAPO party, its proven track record and experience in government, its articulated development policies, plans and programmes as well as its ability to propel Namibia forward in all areas of social and economic development.

The President dismissed op-

position parties as of no consequence, saying that SWAPO Party took a deliberate decision and introduced the decentralization policy to bring services closer to the people to enable them to participate in the process of governance and to have a voice in matters that affected their lives.

He said that the development of Namibia was a continuing mission for SWAPO Party, which started when the Party was founded 50 years ago. With independence in 1990, SWAPO Party ushered in an era of freedom and independence, a mission which the Party remained committed to and would work for with all its



Part of the crowd that turned up to witness the official launch of SWAPO Party election campaign. Photo by Levi Upula.

might to achieve.

"I wish to state that a vote for the SWAPO Party is a secure investment in the future of our country, in the future of our regional councils and indeed in the future of our local authorities. Therefore, vote for SWAPO Party. Vote for consistent and reliable delivery of services," said President

Pohamba.

"I continue to say that while we look to the future, and plan for the future, our proud history is the guiding light for us on this important mission. The fact of the matter is that people who forget where they came from will not know where they are going, hence the importance of making our history the

anchor and the point of departure in all that we do for our country."

The President said that in the coming elections, voters would make a choice about which party had the capacity to deliver, adding that it was a choice about which political party had

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President abhors crime and car accidents

Staff Reporter

President Hifikepunye Pohamba has expressed concern over the increasing cases of crime and road accidents in the country, saying that violent crimes such as rape and murder must be condemned in the strongest terms.

Addressing a SWAPO Party rally in Windhoek last weekend, the President said Namibians fought for the country's independence to lead their lives in peace and security.

"I therefore direct our law enforcement agencies to do their



President Hifikepunye Pohamba

best to bring the perpetrators of crime to book and to protect our communities from the evil

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Nearly 90 people join SWAPO

About 90 people from the Rally for Democracy and Progress, RDP, United Democratic Front, UDF, and the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance, DTA, in Outjo District in Otjozondjupa Region have joined SWAPO Party.

SWAPO Party activists in the region said that the mass exodus from various opposition parties would boost the Party's image as Namibians prepare to cast their votes in the upcoming regional and local authority elections at the end of next month.

"This is a sign that we will beat them in the coming elections," said one SWAPO Party member in Outjo. "We told them that they were misled. Now they have come to under-

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