



President Hifikepunye Pohamba arriving at the Multi-Purpose Youth Center in Windhoek to officially launch SWAPO Party election campaign for the upcoming regional and local authority elections. Photo by Anna Nakambale

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plans in place to make a difference in the lives of the people.

“There are many groupings out there who have fielded candidates for the upcoming elections,” he said. “Some of the important questions that voters should ask before they vote are the following.

“Apart from SWAPO Party, do these groups have the capacity to deliver services to our communities? Do they have policies, programmes and plans in place? If they have them, are their plans realistic?

Do they have the necessary experience to manage our regional councils and our local authority councils?

“The obvious answer to these questions is that, only SWAPO Party can deliver. Only the SWAPO Party has many years of experience in the field of governance at all levels. Only the SWAPO Party has put in place realistic policies, plans and programmes to manage our regional and local authority councils.

To a thunderous applause from the crowd, the President said that it was only the SWAPO Party that could deliver on its 2009 Election Mani-

festos, National Development Plans, NDPs and master plans for the development of all regional and local authority areas in the country.

“Thus, the logical thing to do on election day is to vote for the SWAPO Party candidates,” he said. “The right thing to do is to vote for the SWAPO Party, the Party with a proven track record and strong credential for bringing development to all parts of Namibia, for maintaining peace and stability and for fostering social and economic development in the country.

deadly road accidents, which had claimed more than 300 lives in the last year alone. He appealed to all road users, especially drivers, to obey traffic regulations.

“Over-speeding, overloading and reckless driving must be avoided at all times,” he said. “Anyone caught violating our traffic laws must face the full wrath of our justice system. I urge all road users in Namibia to heed the call to make all our roads safer for all.”

Hifikepunye Pohamba called political groupings, such a person must be welcomed back.”

SWAPO Party is the only political party in the country which has fielded candidates in all regional and local authority councils in the country, and it is expected to win a landslide victory and have control over all regional and local authority councils.

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deeds of criminal elements,” he said.

“Our country cannot be held hostage by criminal elements and our women have the right to lead their lives without fear of being attacked or violated in any way.”

The President also expressed his dismay on the increasing

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stand that we were telling them the truth.

“We welcome them back with open arms. They joined those opposition parties because of political accidents and blackmailing. When a person admits that it was a mistake to join what President

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“This is the Party that is capable of revitalizing our towns and ensuring that regional and local authority councils deliver efficient and effective services to all our people. We will consolidate and build on the gains of the hard-won independence, progress, peace and prosperity

of the past 20 years. All the campaign activities for these elections must be conducted in the Namibian way.

“That is the way of peace, non-violence and mutual accommodation. I urge all our members, supporters and sympathizers, and indeed other po-

litical groupings to exercise restraint at all times.

“There should be no instigations towards violence. There should be no intimidation. All campaign activities must be characterized by civility, mutual accommodation and proper human conduct at all times.”

Kankoshi backs governors' appointment bill

By Staff Reporter

National Council member of Parliament for Onayena Constituency, Henock Kankoshi, has thrown his full weight behind a bill which seeks to have special advisors and regional governors appointed by President Hifikepunye Pohamba.

The National Council wrapped up its debate on the Special Advisors and Regional Governors Appointment Amendment Bill this week, paving the way for the bill to be signed into law before next month's regional and local authority elections.

Rising to support the Bill before it was passed, Cde Kankoshi said that he supported the amendment bill because it was in line with SWAPO Party Election Manifesto, which said

that the Party would transform its strategies to consolidate service delivery.

He said that if this bill came into being, the SWAPO Party Election Manifesto would be implemented fully, and civil servants who failed to implement provisions of the Manifesto would have to tell the governor as to why they had failed to implement regional councils' resolutions.

“I foresee progresses and developments in the regions

because the governor, who will now be attached to State House, will directly inform the Head of State that millions of dollars should be assigned to this or that constituency for development purposes,” said Cde Kankoshi.

He said that the bill would enable governors to investigate and report any matter relating to the region if and when requested to do so by the President or the minister responsible for regional and local development.

According to the government's policy on decentralization, all ministries' departments operating in regions would fall under the Office of the Governor, and on this score, Cde Kankoshi said that this provision should be clearly stated in the bill.

Cde Kankoshi said that in a democratic country where elections where free and fair elections were held, the majority ruled, and the principle of majority rule should be allowed to take its course.



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