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ence in the lives of the people.

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didates for the upcoming elec-
tions,” he said. “Some of the im-
portant questions that voters
should ask before they vote are
the following.

“Apart from SWAPO Party,
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cacity to deliver services to our
communities? Do they have
policies, programmes and
plans in place? If they have
then, are their plans realistic?

Do they have the necessary
experience to manage our re-
gional councils and our local
authority councils?

“The obvious answer to
these questions is that, only
SWAPO Party can deliver.
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many years of experience in the
field of governance at all lev-
els. Only the SWAPO Party has
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plans and programmes to man-
age our regional and local au-
thority councils.

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fest, National Development
Plans, NDPs and master plans
for the development of all re-
gional and local authority ar-
as 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
to vote for the SWAPO Party,
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