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bying to do. Who they will talk to, nobody knows.

"This is an internal election," said one delegate from Ohangwena Region. "But it has everybody in the country looking forward to the outcome. That is how important SWAPO Party is. We will show them how democratic we are."

The new faces are many, but prominent on the list are people like Paulus Kapia, whose comeback has left many of his opponents within and outside the SWAPO Party knocked off-balance.

The most outspoken Secretary for SWAPO Party Youth League, Elijah Ngurare, is in the pot for the first time. He just got married last weekend and the Electoral College will be his honeymoon. He has the biggest following.

But of all the new faces, the most prominent one is Dr David Namwandi, Founder and Vice Chancellor of the International University of Management, IUM. He started Namibia's first ever private university against heavy odds and succeeded to mould it into one of the most respected universities in the world - competing with the best of the best in the world.

Now he wants to cut his teeth into politics, and he says failure is not one of his cards. Others like Piet van der Walt, Alec Boois, Ludwina Shapwa and Clive Willemse are serious hopefuls who are not leaving anything to chances. But the draw day is on Sunday, when the results are announced. Legal guru Sisa Namandje will supervise and oversee the elections. His mandate is to ensure that no irregularities take place. All eyes are on him to see how he sees that process through. He has done that before and nobody has ever questioned his credibility. At the end of the day, though it is all 'Viva SWAPO Party.'

View Point

By Jerry Ekandjo



The SWAPO Party is a political mass movement that is well organized with all its machineries in place to carry out its plans and programmes. Ever since its founding on the 19th April 1960, the Party has been growing in scope of its ideology, in admiration by persons of all persuasions, and has been consistently and persistently enriched with plans and programmes in meeting with the current and future needs of the Namibian people. The SWAPO Party remains true to its principles of delivering on promises of building a solid nationhood where all citizens live in harmony with meaningful and productive lives.

Come end of this year, the Namibian people will be taking to the polls to elect a political party of their choice, answerable to their needs and aspirations. The SWAPO Party is most certain that it will achieve a resounding victory during the upcoming Presidential and National Assembly elections. This is so because it is the only political party that has the genuine interest of the people of Namibia at heart. We talk confidently assured of this notion from the tested trying past when others partook in the murdering and oppression of our people, when others wavered or stood by watching from their safe havens, when they remained silent while other engrossed themselves in the betrayal of the revolution and were a part in the cause of our people's deaths and destruction.

Having brought about the independence of Namibia, the SWAPO Party is well positioned to transform and steer the country towards economic development without betraying the cause of independence and ensuring that the blood shed and supreme sacrifices made do not end in vain. Post independent Namibia needs not to be led by a political party with bloods stains on its hands. Our dear country cannot afford to allow self styled politicians with ambitions to be rulers unto themselves and those bent on bringing back the legacies of oppression and exploitation. These meager detractors, traitors, betrayers have cushioned themselves in sheep skins treacherously portraying themselves as angels and saviors. The question is saviors for who and saving who from whom. The Namibian people, young and old, know too well their history. They cannot be fooled nor allow themselves to be betrayed. The sacrifices made were too enormous and they cannot contemplate a return to abnormal atmosphere.

We are in the days of entering into fully swing campaign for the 2009 Presidential and National Assembly elections. All SWAPO Party cadres in their masses are sufficiently

oiled up and ready to deliver the well known and true message of hope, the true message of progress and the message of a better future for all Namibians throughout the campaign.

The message that the SWAPO Party will carry during the campaign will be predicated on the promises contained in the SWAPO Party Election Manifesto for 2009. The Election Manifesto will serve as a guideline for electorate to learn and discern for themselves issues the SWAPO Party will tackle during the next five years after the 2009 elections. I am certain that all Namibian electorates from all section of the population will find the message carried by the Election Manifesto answering to their needs and aspirations. The SWAPO Party through its Election Manifesto conveys developmental plans and programmes that are tangible, realistic and deliverable during the span of time for which they are designed.

I am not here to launch the 2009 SWAPO Party Manifesto but, rather, I am here to announce that the SWAPO Party will launch the 2009 SWAPO Party Election Manifesto on Saturday, 5 September 2009. The function for launching of the Election Manifesto will be done at the Katutura Multi-Purpose Sport Stadium in Windhoek and will coincide with a mass rally for the official launching of the SWAPO Party commencement of its 2009 elections campaign. His Excellency Comrade Hifikepunye Pohamba, President of the SWAPO Party and President of the Republic of Namibia will be the keynote speaker at the launching of the campaign and the Election Manifesto.

During 2004, the SWAPO Party held its Extra-Ordinary Congress to elect a Presidential Candidate for 2004 Presidential Elections and, in the same year, the SWAPO Party held its Electoral College to elect 72 aspirant candidates for the National Assembly for 2005 to 2010, discussed matters of the

SWAPO Party and passed resolutions. In 2007, an Ordinary Congress was held to elect the Presidential Candidate for the SWAPO Party to serve from 2007 to 2012 and deliberated on issues of the Party and passed resolutions.

The five years terms of current Honourable Members of the National Assembly will come to an end on 20th March 2010 and new ones will be sworn in. In conformity with the SWAPO Party Rules and Procedures for the Election of Party Office-Bearers and Party Representatives at Legislative and Government Levels, the SWAPO Party will need to field candidates who will serve on the positions allocated to the SWAPO Party through the National Assembly elections. The intention of our Party is to win all 72 seats of the National Assembly. Thus the 72 SWAPO Party candidates will be identified to ensure that all National Assembly seats have members of the SWAPO Party.

The SWAPO Party Rules and Procedures for the Election of Party Office-Bearers and Party Representatives at Legislative and Government Levels provides that all aspirant candidates be elected through Congress, Extra-Ordinary Congress or Electoral College. The process for electing such candidates is upon the SWAPO Party again. Friday, 4 September to Sunday, 6 September 2009, the coming weekend has been set aside to hold an Electoral College to elect members of the SWAPO Party to the National Assembly.

As a tradition of an entrenched democratic process of the Party, Sections, Branches, Districts and Regions have been hard at work to ensure the sifting of tested cadres is thoroughly done and qualified candidates are elected through the structure of the Party.

In my capacity as the Secretary for Information and Mobilization for the SWAPO Party, I am calling and inviting all SWAPO Party members, supporters and sympathizers to come and attend the SWAPO Party mass rally this coming Saturday, on the 5th September 2009. My invitation is extended to all comrades, supporters and sympathizers in all the 13 regions of the country, from east to west and from north to south. Come and attend the launching of the 2009 SWAPO Party Election Manifesto.

Your appearance will be a show of the massive strength the Party possesses. All of us owe it to the SWAPO Party, the liberator of Namibia, to take part in this very important activity.



PROGRAMME FOR THE LAUNCH OF 2009 SWAPO PARTY ELECTION MANIFESTO

5 SEPTEMBER 2009, SATURDAY

VENUE: KATUTURA SPORT COMPLEX SOCCER STADIUM

09H00 GATES OPEN AND ARRIVAL OF THE PUBLIC

10H00 COMMENCEMENT OF POLI-TAINMENT

DIRECTORS OF EVENT: CDE. LIZ SIBINDI & DR. BEN MULONGENI

GAZZA
LADY MAY
RAPHAEL & PELE
NANCY
UNO BOY
JAY DEE
VERONA
REMEMBER CONCERT
RAS SHEEHAMA

GAL LEVEL
THE DOGG
NDILIMANI
BBC
BLOSSOM
NASHY
VANITY
JACKSON KAUEUA

CEREMONY FOR THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE 2009 ELECTION MANIFESTO

DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES: CDE. NANGOLO MBUMBA, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL

14H00 ARRIVAL OF DIGNITARIES

15H30 OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE 2009 SWAPO PARTY ELECTION MANIFESTO BY THE PRESIDENT OF SWAPO PARTY

PICK-UP POINTS TO THE STADIUM:

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL BUSES WILL DEPART FROM THE PICK-UP POINTS AT 08H30

- 1. KATUTURA EAST CONSTITUENCY**
 - Owambo Bus Stop
 - Damara Bus Stop
 - Hakahana Bus Stop
- 2. MOSES GAROEB CONSTITUENCY**
 - Ombili Bus Station
 - Hakahana Soccer Field
 - Monte Cresto (Near Municipality dumping site)
 - Havana Bus Stop
 - Kambila Bus Stop
- 3. TOBIAS HAINYKO CONSTITUENCY**
 - Women Center
 - Onghuwo ye Pongo
 - Olyeta Market
 - Kilimandjaro Church
 - Julius Nyerere 4 Way stop
- 4. SAMORA MACHEL CONSTITUENCY**
 - Greenwell Matongo Bus Stop
 - Oshakati Service Station
 - Goreangab Bus Stop
- 5. SOWETO CONSTITUENCY**
 - Shipena Bus Stop
 - Wanaheda Bus stop
 - Soweto Market
 - Penduka Bus Stop
 - Maroela Pink House
- 6. KATUTURA CENTRAL**
 - Katutura Central Shops
 - Malaka Draai Bus Stop
 - Single Quarter Bus Stop
- 7. KHOMASDAL NORTH**
 - Augustineum Gate
 - 7 De Laan Bus Stop
 - 8 De Laan Bus Stop
 - All Otjomuise 1,2 &3 Bus Stops
 - Shandubala Bus Stop
 - Grys Block Bus Stop
 - Freedom Square Bus Stop
- 8. BACH BRECH**
 - Post Office

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COME AND JOIN ALL THE FUN AS WE OFFICIALLY LAUNCH THE 2009 SWAPO PARTY ELECTION MANIFESTO TILL 19H00!