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When Mishake Muyongo launched a rebellion in 1999, Hidipo Hamutenya, was the first to write a piece on how Muyongo had squandered his fortunes and great political opportunities. It was a brilliant piece, but little did we know that eight years later, he, too, would squander his political opportunities at supersonic speed. Read the piece on page, and wherever you find the name Mishake Muyongo, just put Hidipo Hamutenya there. Page 7-10



Fidel Castro celebrates 50th birthday of "vigilance" committees. Page - 10

Create more jobs or miss some Vision 2030 targets

Unemployment rate alarming among youth

By Staff Reporter

Unemployment in the country has reached alarming proportions and unless drastic measures are taken to arrest the situation, some targets outlined in Namibia's long-term Vision 2030 are likely to be missed.

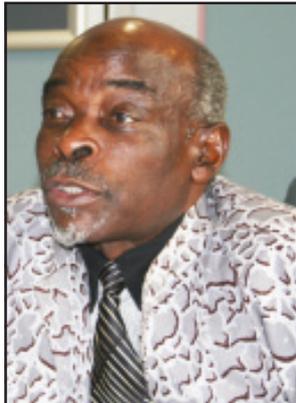
This warning came from President Hifikepunye Pohamba at the one-day Employment Creation Summit in Windhoek on Thursday. The President's speech was read by Prime Minister Nahas Angula.

The summit brought together government officials, business gurus and various stakeholders to identify industries which had the potential to grow the economy and create more jobs.

A labour survey carried out in 2008 revealed that unemployment has reached 51,2 per cent, which means that 51



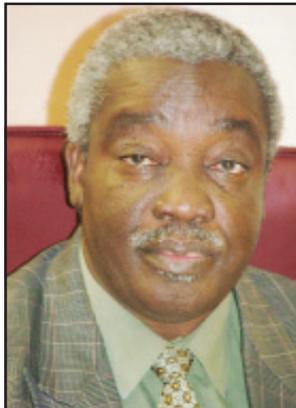
President Hifikepunye Pohamba



Prime Minister Nahas Angula



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people out every hundred employable Namibians were without jobs. Young people are the worst hit group, whose unemployment exceeds the overall unemployment rate.

"We face some critical social and economic challenges that are worsened by the increasingly constrained global environment," said the President. "If we do not address these challenges head on, we are likely to miss some of the key targets of Vision 2030."

Vision 2030 aims to promote the creation of a diversified, open economic system, with resource-based industrial sector and commercial agriculture,

and the promotion of competitiveness in the export sector in terms of product quality and differentiation.

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RDP's empty tent in Hakahana looking for members but they are not easy to come by. Photo by Levi Upula.

NASAWU actions irresponsible

By Staff Reporter

Government has described as irresponsible and premature remarks by the Namibia Seaman and Allied Workers Union, NASAWU, which has alleged that the government is not protecting sea workers from being exploited by Africa Personnel Services, APC.

Dismissed NASAWU members held a one day demonstration at the Ministries of Labour and Social Welfare and of Fish-

eries and Marine Resources on Wednesday, where they handed in a petition, claiming that their arbitration of their case was be-

ing postponed unfairly.

They also alleged that their arbitration was "not normal"

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SWAPO Party's stand is one of the attractions at the Windhoek Show, which started last week. Photo by Levi Upula.

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