

Windhoek population boom

Windhoek population growth has grown from 185 000 in 1995 to 350 000 in 2009. This was revealed by the Mayor of Windhoek, Councilor Mathew Shikongo, in his mayoral message which was read by Councilor Elain Trepper as the City marked the International Day for Natural Disaster.



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so that it could capture all seats in both regional and local authority councils.

SWAPO Party has already completed selecting candidates for regional and local authority councils, all names submitted had been verified and vetted by the Party before 22nd September. SWAPO Party submitted the candidate list to the Electoral Commission of Namibia, ECN, last Monday.

The Party is fielding candidates in all 107 constituencies

in all the 13 regions and in all 50 local authority councils in the country, making it one of the few political parties to fill candidates for all seats in both the regional and local authority councils.

Cde Iivula-Ithana emphasized that the Party was committed to delivering on promises made to the Namibian people through the 2009 SWAPO Party Election Manifesto.

"These elections are important for the Party because the mandate the Party has been given by the people to deliver

services should be strengthened through them having proper representatives to bring those services closer to them," she said.

"These and many other developmental indicators, like rural electrification in areas where there was none, will make people to respond more to wanting people elected that will speak on their behalf for improved service delivery.

"And that is what the SWAPO Party wants, people bringing the concerns and wants to the elected leaders and through them to the central government, for services and capital projects to reach them timeously."

President Pohamba is expected to highlight achievements made by the SWAPO Party government over the past years and other development programmes that are in the pipeline for the next years as outlined in the country's Third National Development Plan, NDPIII.



Part of Windhoek's informal settlements which have grown so fast that the Municipality is not able to provide the necessary services. Photo by Levi Upula.

Commemorated under the theme "Making Cities Resilient: My City is Getting Ready," the Mayor said that cities across the world faced huge challenges in coping with rapid population growth with limited resources.

Nearly a hundred years ago, Windhoek had only 7046 residents, compared to the current 350 000. The biggest population growth took place between 1995 and 2009.

"The City has been able, with limited resources, to keep pace with the City's growth and ensure the provision of serviced land, electricity, water and sanitation, and maintain public safety through the City Police services," said the Mayor.

Windhoek has experienced an unprecedented population

growth since independence in 1990. At that time, Windhoek's population was estimated at 233 529 people, which accounted for about 39 per cent of Namibia's urban population, 603 612 people at that time.

She said that as a City, it remained committed to implementing actions so as to ensure that residents were aware of every opportunity to reduce vulnerabilities and increase resilience to natural and human-made risks.

The Mayor said that tacking urban risks was everybody's business, and through concerted efforts, everybody would emerge a winner. The City is planning to build a disaster management center in order to fully cater for the needs

and challenges it faces.

Windhoek's disaster management plan has been in place since 2002, and has developed an all hazards plan for schools in the Windhoek education region.

"It is the priority of the Council to carry out an all-hazards assessment and include the top identified hazards in its ongoing developmental efforts," said the Mayor.

"The City will further strive to mainstream disaster risk management into all its departments because disaster risk management is everybody's business. Council's efforts will always be proactive and engage our residents in our development efforts and interventions."



Sea of people: This was one of the SWAPO Party rallies held last year for the Presidential and National Assembly elections.

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In one filing, Toyota said it will recall 599,029 vehicles, spanning 11 models, due to defects in fuel pump wires and brake master cylinders, in a second filing the company said it will recall 1,869 units of its

Voxy and Noah models due to a speedometer defect.

The company maintained that as of now there have been no accidents reported that have been directly attributed to the current defects.

Earlier on Thursday the recall-plagued automaker said it would be recalling 740,000

units in the U.S., including the Avalon, Highlander Lexus GS300, Lexus IS250 and Lexus IS350.

The firm also said the recalls will spread to China, as part of a global operation, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine said on its website.

According to a company statement from Toyota, in some cases a small amount of brake fluid can leak from the brake master cylinder and as a result braking performance may gradually decline.

At the beginning of 2010 Toyota recalled some 9 million vehicles due to sticking accelerator pedals and floor mat defects, which resulted in the alleged deaths of 37 people.

As Toyota's domestic announcement came after trading hours in Tokyo, Toyota's share price closed at 2,900 yen, a rise of 0.4 percent. (Xinhua)



SWAPO Party Secretary for Information and Mobilization, Cde Jerry Ekanjo, flanked by SWAPO Party Secretary for the Elders' Council Cde Kanana Hishoona, and SWAPO Party Regional Coordinator for Khomas Regional, Michael Mwinga, at a press briefing. See View Point on page 3. Photo by Levi Upula.

Correction

In our last edition, we reported that Preferred Management System, PMS, previously got N\$7 million from Government Institutions Pension Fund, GIPF, and never paid back the money. It has now emerged that this was not the case, and regret the error. Editor.

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