

Gazza's message to SPYL

Here on our continent there is a saying that "it takes a village to raise a child", I want to paraphrase it that "it takes the whole country to educate a child". Truly, education is a fountain of knowledge. Education is also based on harnessing one's talent and creativity. This is why our Government has since independence allocated the largest budget to education. Since independence we have trained many young Namibians as teachers, nurses, doctors and scientists etc, but we still have a long way to go. I appeal to the SWAPO Party Youth League (SPYL) to continue advocating for more assistance to be given to education. If the youth are the future

leaders of tomorrow, then every effort must be made to empower them equally, the poor and the rich. It is well known that rural schools are not fully equipped as compared to urban schools. This disparity creates the impression amongst some of our youth in rural areas to think that the only better life is in the city and not in the rural areas and thus they come to Zula for survival in the city, as we say in music.

In this regard, I think music is culture and music is arts, but music is also politics and a medium of education and communication. As an Ambassador of the Ministry of Education, I have gone throughout the country and visited several schools.

At every level, I have met young people who are eager and thirsty for knowledge and yearning for quality education. There are many who want to be like Gazza and there are many who want to be musicians in remote areas of our country. It is our national duty therefore to help nurture and cultivate these dreams of our young people. I want to commend the Ministry of Gender and Child Welfare, for example, which is advocating on increasing the training of Namibian social workers. It is obvious that we have numerous social problems in the country especially and affecting the youth the hardest. It is important also that we train many social work-

ers and encourage young Namibians to pursue a field of study in social work. As young people, we also have a duty and obligation to behave responsibly at all material times. Let us say loudly NO to violence against women; NO to alcohol and drug abuse; NO to unpatriotic conducts and Yes to peace and stability in our country.

My message to the candidate of the SWAPO Party in Okahandja is this that you are on the ticket of SWAPO and must deliver on the promises to the electorate. You need to place emphasis on education because an educated nation is a successful nation. I also appeal to our Government Ministries and Parastatals to continue building the capacity of our youth in all fields of

study including music. I also would like to commend our Government for the investment in tertiary education especially in the establishment of School of Engineering and Medicine as part of the University of Namibia. Above all, as a young person, I am proud that, Namibia, under the SWAPO Party, has remained an oasis of peace, stability and economic prosperity. That is why I agree with my comrades in the SWAPO Party Youth League that we must remain patriotically stubborn in demanding for Genuine Economic Empowerment, Youth Empowerment and Rural Development especially quality education in rural areas where majority of our youth live. At this point, I want to urge all the youth and the entire

country to support The Terminator Harry Simon as he is boxing tonight in Kenya in order for him to come and fight for the Commonwealth Title here in the Land of the Brave. He is a truly Namibian Hero and we are a duty bound to support him, because a true hero is not defined by his mistakes or his fall but how he gets up. And Terminator has indeed gotten up!

Finally, SWAPO has won before in Okahandja, SWAPO will again win in Okahandja on 24 February 2010, and SWAPO will forever win in Okahandja and in Namibia because SWAPO Party is the people and the people are SWAPO Party.

**Long Live SWAPO Party,
Long Live GMP!**

Dogg's message to SPYL

I am happy to be invited to attend the official opening of the Central Committee meeting of the SWAPO Party Youth League (SPYL) here in the garden town of Okahandja. I am not a politician, I am a musician. As a musician, I am in touch with the public and especially the young people. Through my music, I convey their aspirations, dreams and goals. And Politicians are responsible for translating these aspirations, dreams and goals into a reality through the SWAPO Party Election Manifesto. I agree therefore with the SWAPO Party Youth League's concept of "Politainment", in other words, combining "Politics and Entertainment". That is to say there is no contradiction between music and politics. The SWAPO Party Youth League advocated for Politainment during the 2004 and 2009 Presidential and National Assembly elections respectively. The result has been a resounding victory of more than 2/3 majority for the SWAPO Party Presidential Candidate and Parliamentary candidates. Indeed we have won resoundingly, now HARD WORK!

I want to congratulate the SWAPO Party leadership for choosing a young person Cde Steve Biko Booyis to be a candidate on the 24th

February 2010 By-Elections here in Okahandja. As the Founding Father said last week, Cde. Biko Booyis is a winning candidate. But leadership, just like music, is also about responsibilities. After you win Cde Biko, remember that you have a responsibility to unite the people of Okahandja Constituency, black and white, young and old. You will also have a responsibility to respond to the aspirations and expectations of all the residents of Okahandja constituency. This would include the provision of jobs, water, clinics, sanitation and all other social programmes. In other words the challenges facing young people of Okahandja constituency are your responsibility Cde. Biko Booyis.

In my opinion, Councilors such as Cde Biko Booyis and all those tasked to implement the SWAPO Party Election Manifesto throughout our country, you are duty bound to deliver on the promises contained in the Manifesto, without fail. I also think that the youth must come to you in search of solutions to unemployment, poverty and the scourge of HIV/Aids pandemic. You need to be against racism, tribalism, corruption, regionalism and all negative vices. As a leader, you are a servant

of the people and not a master. I can assure you, that is what all of us expect from you. All of us, the young people, want you to succeed. Your success is our collective victory, this goes for all other leaders throughout the country.

Therefore, I must respectfully appeal to our leaders, never betray us on the needs for practical Youth Empowerment especially for the upcoming artists. I appeal to our Government to ensure that artists are assisted in harnessing their talents. We need a directorate in the Ministry of Youth dealing with us as performing and audio-visual arts. What is for the youth must be for the youth. I also appeal to the NBC and all other television and radio stations to be legally compelled to play 90% of local music. Equally, I appeal to the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology to ensure that it is made legally mandatory for all radio and television stations to play local music. The time has come for our Government to empower us young artists in every way possible.

With these few words, I wish to assure Cde Steve Biko Booyis of our support and believe in your upcoming victory on 24 February 2010. Viva SWAPO Party!

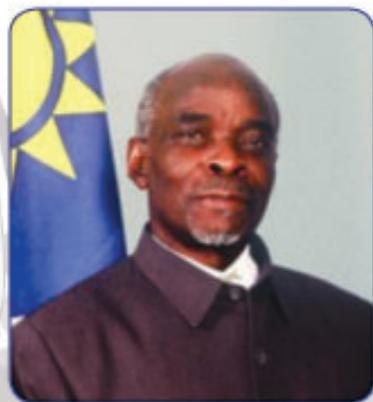


United in SWAPO! Arch rival artists, Gazza and the Dogg are slowly ironing out their differences. Last weekend, they agreed to share a platform at a SWAPO Party rally in Okahandja and their messages inspired the youth to vote for SWAPO Party candidate, Cde Steve Biko Booyis. Photo by Levi Upula.



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Time: 18h30

Yanukovych sworn in as Ukraine's president

KIEV, — Ukrainian President-elect Viktor Yanukovych was sworn in at the parliament on Thursday amid tight security measures with the witness of many international dignitaries.

Yanukovych, the opposition leader, defeated Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko in Feb. 7 presidential elections, with 48.95 percent of the votes.

He will be the country's fourth president since the former Soviet republic got its independence in 1991.

"A new period of our new history is beginning. The country is in a difficult situation," Yanukovych said in his inaugural address, noting the country faced "colossal debts, poverty, a collapsing economy, corruption."

Referring to foreign policy, Yanukovych said he would carry out a foreign policy with the European Union (EU), Russia and the United States that would gain the best results for his country.



Presidential candidate Viktor Yanukovich makes a statement for the results of exit polls after the second round of Presidential elections in his headquarters in Kiev, capital of Ukraine, on Feb. 7, 2010.

"Ukraine will choose such a foreign policy that will allow the state to get the maximum results from the development of equal and mutually advantageous relations with Russia, the European Union, the United States and other governments..." he added.

International dignitaries attending the inauguration ceremony included presidents of Poland, Armenia, Hungary, Latvia and Lithuania. Han Changfu, agriculture minister of China, attended the inauguration as special envoy of Chinese President Hu Jintao. (Xinhua)