

SWAPO

from page 1

sion. It is a mission that started with the founding of our Party 50 years ago.

"It is a mission that the SWAPO Party and all its cadres, including all our candidates for the upcoming elections, remain committed to and will work with all their might to achieve. Therefore, vote for SWAPO Party in the upcoming elections."

The President said that the Party had put forward committed patriots as candidates for the upcoming elections, cadres who would fly the banner of SWAPO Party high, and serve Namibians on regional and local authority councils once elected. They would build on the strong foundations that the SWAPO Party had already established in areas such as governance, service delivery, development of infrastructure and the broadening of socio-economic benefits to the people.



President Hifikepunye Pohamba mingles with the crowd at Oshakati Stadium last weekend.

As part of its well planned development strategy, government had focused on infrastructure development in all the regions, as well as the development and expansion of physical and communications infrastructure. Gravel and tarred

roads were being constructed everywhere.

Government had committed N\$20 million to the ongoing process of rural electrification in Oshana Region. The country's education system was being reformed through

the Education and Training Sector Improvement Programme, ETSIP. The aim, said the President, was to improve quality and access to education, expand vocational training and ensure equity in the distribution of available resources.

Under ETSIP, more than 700 000 textbooks for English, Science and Mathematics had already been distributed throughout the country. About 400 classrooms across the country would be upgraded as part of ETSIP, and the President was upbeat in encouraging the youth to study mathematics, science and technology to become engineers, doctors, architects, geologists and quantity surveyors.

Namibia's modern Cardiac Unit at Windhoek Central Hospital is up and running, and Namibian heart patients no longer need to travel abroad, as was the case before, because they can receive this vital care at home.

"Namibia is the fourth country on the African continent to have achieved this milestone," said President Pohamba. "This is an achievement of the SWAPO Party government."

Focusing on Oshana Region, President Pohamba said that Government had invested

N\$40 million to develop water and sanitation infrastructure at Ekehe, Ondangwa, Uukwangula and other rural areas in Oshana Region. Several earth dams had also been constructed through the Integrated Water Resource Management programme.

"Therefore, the logical thing to do on election day is to vote for the SWAPO Party candidates," said President Pohamba. "The right thing to do is to vote for the SWAPO Party, the Party with a proven track record and strong credentials for bringing development to all parts of Namibia, for maintaining peace and stability and for fostering social and economic development in the country."

"To all voters, I wish to say, turn out in big numbers. Do the right thing and vote for the SWAPO Party. Vote for more achievements and developments that the SWAPO Party will bring to all parts of Namibia."

Retract

from page 1

out of Windhoek to Cape Town this week after the illness started troubling the 81 year old former President."

Senior Assistant to the Founding President, John Nauta, rubbished the story, saying that it was not true. He said the allegations in the story were incorrect, unfounded and malicious.

"The whole story was just rubbish," he said. "The Founding President was never in hospital, neither here nor in Cape Town. He is not sick. I do not know who Informante's sources are, but there is no iota of truth in the story whatsoever."

"I have the Founding President's programme with me. He was never in any hospital, nor was he ill. The story about 'advanced prostate cancer' is nothing but a mere fabrication by Informante."

Said lawyer Namandje: "The report was in fact entirely false and the authors' own fabrication. Our client was never flown out of the country last week for health reasons. Our client is unable to phantom as to what could have been the motive for writing such a reckless and false story."

Namandje said that the Founding President's Office had since established from one of Informante's reporters that before the story was published, Hamata was alerted that there

was no truth in the story he was planning to write.

"However, for reasons only known to yourself, you proceeded with the publication of the story in breach of the basic and elementary journalistic standards and ethics without any regard to our clients' right to dignity and privacy."

Namandje said that the story was manifestly written in a most carefree manner and with a sole intention to evoke maximum sensationalism.

"We have now been instructed to advise that not only our client was profoundly inconvenienced by your story for apparent reasons but also that his feelings and that of his family were hurt by such a false story," said Namandje

Campaign peacefully, says President

By Staff Reporter

President Hifikepunye Pohamba has appealed to all Namibians to campaign peacefully and to avoid violence and provocation throughout the election process.

Speaking at a SWAPO Party rally at Helao Nafidi in Ohangwena Region, President Pohamba said that all political activities for these elections should be conducted in a manner of peace, non-violence and mutual accommodation.

"I urge all our members, supporters and sympathizers, and indeed other political groupings to exercise restraint, at all times," he said. "There should be no intimidation."

"All citizens must render full cooperation to the Namibian Police and other law enforcement agencies, as well as to the officials of the Electoral Commission of Namibia. This will ensure a credible free and fair election."

The President pointed out that many rural areas and towns in Ohangwena Region had benefitted hugely from government develop-



President Hifikepunye Pohamba

ment plans. Ohangwena Regional Council offices were expanded at a cost of N\$6 million.

He said that this was part of the SWAPO Party government development strategy, which included the construction of constituency offices at Oshikango, Endola, Ongenga and Omulonga.

The Rundu-Elundu road construction and upgrading was progressing well, and Phase I had already been inaugurated. Once completed, this road would drastically shorten the driving time between Kavango and Ohangwena regions.

It would also facilitate easier

movement of people and goods, thereby promoting increased trade between the two regions and beyond. A feeder road was also being built from Okakwa to Onepandaulo, as well as from Oshawapala to connect to the Okatana-Endola-Onhuno Main Road.

Many schools in Ohangwena Region had been electrified. These include Evale Combined School, Omahenge Combined School, Onangubu Combined School, Ongonga Primary School, Kapombo Primary School and Nailenge Primary School to mention but a few.

Government, said the President, would continue to put more emphasis on quality education and training, and therefore the construction of Mwadikange Kaulinge Secondary School and the upgrading of several schools should be looked at in that context.

The President said that when people go to vote in two weeks time, they should think about those achievements and about many more plans that were on the way. While voters would make a choice about which party had the capacity to deliver, the President confidently said that the choice was very clear.

"Only the SWAPO Party can deliver," he said. "Only the SWAPO Party has many years of experience in the field of governance at all levels. Only the SWAPO Party has put in place realistic policies, plans and programmes to manage our regional and local authority councils."

"Indeed, it is only the SWAPO Party that can deliver on the basis of our 2009 SWAPO Party Election Manifesto, our National Development Plans, and our Master Plans for the development of all regions and local authority areas in Namibia."

"Thus the logical thing to do on Election Day is to vote for SWAPO Party candidates."

empowering Namibians.

"To be able to achieve these programmes," she said, "SWAPO Party needs your votes. Alone we cannot do it, but together as one nation, we can destroy all evils around us. A fragmented approach has never worked and will never work. A collective approach is the answer to all our problems."

"So, let us go to the polls collectively and destroy all our enemies, including these 'temporary social clubs' collectively in a peaceful manner where civil wars and bloodshed have no place amongst us."

Speaking at the same rally, SWAPO Party member and Councilor for the Windhoek

The outspoken governor said that the time for economic emancipation had also come and Namibians should wake up and fight poverty, ignorance, diseases and unemployment.

She said that she had no doubt that SWAPO was the only party that could deliver on its promises, as it had done over the past 20 years, and that there was no way the Party could fail now.

SWAPO Party would continue to strengthen democracy, uplift the country's health standards, reform the education system, create safety nets for vulnerable groups, fight against HIV/AIDS, grow the economy, maintain peace and stability and would be more aggressive in

Windhoek West last weekend, where she also introduced SWAPO Party candidate for regional council and local authority elections, Cde Shikwetepo Haindongo.

"I am super confident that these other 'temporary light weight social clubs' and their confused supporters must be greatly ashamed and immensely shocked about the outcome of last year's elections," said Cde Shaningwa.

"That outcome has sent a clear message to you that the Namibian nation cannot be fooled, they cannot be confused and they cannot be misled. Get this message right into your head."

Cde Shaningwa called for party structures to be strengthened and synchronized with national structures so that the Party's aims and objectives can be achieved harmoniously.

Shaningwa calls for mass vote for SWAPO

By Levi Upula

SWAPO Party's landslide victory in the coming regional and local authority elections is not in doubt, and opposition parties must learn a lesson from last year's National Assembly and Presidential elections – that they should forget about defeating SWAPO Party.

These were the words of Cde Sophia Shaningwa, when Khomas Regional Governor, she addressed a rally in

Namibia Today is published by SWAPO Party, Department of Information and Mobilization.
Tel: 061-276370/78/79/80
Fax: 061-276381

Cell: 081 124 2749

General E-Mail: inform@namibiatoday.com.na
Advertisements: adverts@namibiatoday.com.na
Letters: letters@namibiatoday.com.na
Editorial: editor@namibiatoday.com.na
Personal: asserntinda@namibiatoday.com.na
Queries: enquires@namibiatoday.com.na
Subscription: subscribe@namibiatoday.com.na
SWAPO Party: swapoparty@namibiatoday.com.na
Accounts: accounts@namibiatoday.com.na

Cont on page 10