

# HH's on 'One on One'; Let the facts speak and you be the judge (First Part)

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Judging from some comments by the viewers of the NBC's One on One Program on which Mr. Hidipo Hamutenya appeared as a guest, last Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2010, it seems the depth and range of probing was not one that managed to give the viewers more insight into the man and his ideals and agenda, as some readers at the Namibian's SMS page complained that they did not understand his arguments.

Let us dissect the latest discourse and see if it was passionately articulated with logical dexterity and consummate ex-

pression or was it simply intellectually roughshod with the usual rhetorical flightiness and oracular pronouncements which may superficially sound earth-shaking and calculated, but which in fact provide little or no practical guidance and realistic prescriptions for the ideals and agenda of the man behind the rhetoric? How was our deepest character announced in ways that produce in citizens a sense of togetherness, community, and shared destiny? Did the guest dictate the idea of a nation that embraces unity in diversity or was this a simple exercise in ethnic chauvinism?

On NBC's "One on One"



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Program Mr. Hidipo Hamutenya, RDP opposition party's President, made a series of innuendos and insinuations

and claimed that others are 'autocrat who lost vision and direction'. "There is a deliberate line of confusion pushed through to create an impression that SWAPO Party does not practice internal democracy. Therefore, the recent utterances by RDP's President Hidipo should be seen in the context of the short history of RDP and how it has reacted to various political events in the country... This indeed was one way of seeking publicity and being noticed... A casual observer might be forgiven for thinking that this event might have boosted RDP's image by drumming up its dwindling support nationally, not so, really."

"Lest we forget, RDP was not founded to be an opposition party or become an official opposition as Mr. Hidipo claims, but was formed to take over government from SWAPO Party, that is why they planted hibernators in Government to achieve this lunatic objective. In his own admission, Hidipo's Secretary General, Mr. Jesaya Nyamu claimed that in every Ministry, Agency and Office, RDP members are there on a mission of RDP. It was Mr. Jesaya Nyamu indeed who told an RDP rally last year at Outapi that his party members should "not worry" because RDP was represented everywhere in Government, at the police, state security and State House. Nyamu said that because of these "connections," SWAPO Party would not be able to "cheat" as it had "done in the past," adding that his party was "well represented every where you can think of," Nyamu further said, "...they are calling our representatives at State House 'hibernators' but those people are on a mission..." (Namibia Today 13 Nov. 2009 quoting New Era). How it is then that Mr. Hidipo is heard saying, Hibernator "that is SWAPO's vocabulary" and that "it was not about the Presidency but other events that unfolded about succession"? He also said 'he did not care that there was no 'mass exodus' to follow him. 'What a bunch of toss that is?' was it not Mr. Hidipo Hamutenya who predicted "a major rupture at least within the top leadership of SWAPO"? I couldn't agree more with the Minister of Justice, Honourable Ithana that "some people's ideas seem to have dried up"

Was it not Mr. Hidipo himself one of the candidates in a democratic race in SWAPO

during the extra-ordinary congress of 2004 where he was defeated by the incumbent President of the SWAPO Party and current Head of State, His Excellency President Hifikepunye Pohamba and then went on to "join" another party where he could be elected as "president"? What democracy is he talking about? After the Eenhana and Omuthiya quandary, Hidipo would not want to be reminded about what he said then, (including using Eenhana and Omuthiya as a "testing ground") while they also "embarked on a grand shoplifting scheme to steal emblems and symbols from other parties... (Namibia Today 6 Nov. 2009). If saying "Mandume Fundu" meaning 'arises' King Mandume of the Ovakwanyama people belonging to only one ethnic group is not tribalism then I don't know what else tribalism is. Why Mandume alone and not Witbooi, Maharero, Kutako, Nehale, Ipumbu, Marenga etc? What is wrong with 'One Namibia, One Nation'? (Namibia Today, 30 Oct. 2009 and Oct.8 2010)

"Hidipo himself wrote about former DTA President Mr. Mishake Muyongo that "For decades, (some) character(s) have been dangerously playing some sort of poker game with the destiny of the people... the essence of this game has been to treat (some) regions as their personal bargaining chip which (they) could use at will to gain favour or position of political influence... One of their characteristics is that (they) are deeply duplicitous and self-centered with a life punctuated by incredibly good fortune that propelled (these) treacherous and highly ego-centric (men) to climb the ladder to national leadership, on one hand, and an impetuous drift and propensity towards brinkmanship and disaster that has driven (them) to put together tribal political outfit on the instruction of (their) masters who believed (they) possessed the kind of leadership qualities and experience to gain the necessary acceptance as genuinely national political parties, on the other." He further said "It is quite astounding to think there could, indeed, be people who were silly enough to believe in the possibility of such a fantasy. But exploiting blind loyalty among those people in (their) tribal surrounding... (they were) able to mislead hundreds of people to agree to (their) foolish ideas by using a mixture of pseudo-charm and preposterous lies..." He concluded.

No wonder he confidently accepted to be the guest of honour on the Namibian Broadcasting Corporation's (NBC) Wednesday Programme, One on One, probably thinking that having converted the likes of Nyamu "to buy-in?" into his ideas and "become messenger boys and girls?" and say the

craps they could say... (such as 'Omusati clique' and 'no go areas') while singing "Mandume Fundu" and not "One Namibia One Nation", he would be able to shine like a "hero" from One on One (Namibia Today 24 September 2010). Now Mr. Nyamu, who coined the 'Omusati clique' word admits that they lost in Omusati Region and that SWAPO has "good domestic and foreign policies in place", which he said "made it difficult for opposition parties to come up with alternatives" (Windhoek Observer 16 Oct. 2010). Poor man, that we knew already and the Mo Ibrahim Foundation rated Namibia highly on good governance. Nyamu was ruled out of order by the speaker when Ministers Ekandjo, Ithana, and Utoni Nujoma and Deputy Minister Mushelenga asked him to withdraw a statement in his "maiden speech" saying that "Dr. Geingob bulldozed unpopular bills such as the one of the third term". Since he was a Member of Parliament when that bill was passed in the house, he shouldn't make such statements. How democratic is he if "they are imposing candidates in constituencies such as Uuvudjiya, and Omtamanzi?" asked the SWAPO MPs.

According to one opinion piece in the New Era paper last year, Mr. HH did not yet reveal how "he managed to travel from the former eastern country of Bulgaria to the USA in the middle of the cold war" when SWAPO members did not yet carry passports. These are some of the probing questions the viewers expected the Presenter of 'One on One' to ask HH but as a shroud politician that he is, he managed to dodge those questions and there was no follow up.

Someone else wrote the other day that "... In exile, Hidipo waged a 40 year campaign on orders and guidance from his western masters to unseat Sam Nujoma and become the President of SWAPO... in a war waged from within... (with a campaign that) had two pronged objective: to destroy the liberation struggle from within... and take over the reigns of SWAPO and lead it into a neo-colonial government that would take orders from western capitals. The hiding in SWAPO colours came to an end when Sam Nujoma chased Hidipo out as a Minister of Foreign Affairs at the time he threatened to take over the SWAPO presidency at the 2004 SWAPO Congress... all his "concern" about democracy... is just a smokescreen behind which he is hiding his real intentions of taking Namibia to puppetry. After his expulsion Hidipo came out openly in his hatred of SWAPO and Sam Nujoma... fighting the former liberation movements in South-

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