

# HH's on 'One on One'; Let the facts speak and you be the judge

## (Second Part)

By Paul T. Shipale

"If we look at the politics of defection and who really Hidipo is and how he found himself where he is today, one would realize that the 1994 and 2004 elections were fairly fine, largely because there were no splinter groups from SWAPO Party. It was all about SWAPO Party against existing former puppet parties.

It was an easy campaign... but deep down in their hearts, some journalists, academics and political scientists-always prone to make offside predictions-were not really comfortable with SWAPO Party's growing popularity.

Having lost faith and confidence in former apartheid South Africa's created opposition parties-which were mainly formed to oppose SWAPO on behalf of the former South African apartheid regime-such



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journalists, academics and political scientists thought,

dreamed and believed that the real opposition party would come from within SWAPO party itself. Not only that. They also thought and believed that for any splinter group to emerge as a credible party, it must be headed by an "Ovambo" to reduce and break SWAPO Party's support in the four northern regions, which they regard as SWAPO Party's stronghold. Since then every little spark that pointed to a possible division within SWAPO Party was closely followed and magnified to create an impression that the ruling Party was about to break up.

To extend and realize such dreams, some SWAPO Party leaders were demonized and presented as "radicals with socialist's leaning", (and now as "Omusati clique" or even "Ndonga element"), while others were praised and presented as "moderates with free-market oriented leanings" who will "not chase away" investors (to either confuse or divide the party and country along tribal and ethnic lines). This, at one point, so annoyed and offended the late Nathanael Maxuilili that he had to tell the National Assembly that he did "not want to be praised by puppets and fake academics who dined and wined with the apartheid colonial masters while Namibians were fighting and dying for freedom."

"In 1999 was a splinter group led by Ben Ulunga of the Congress of Democrats (COD), who jumped ship because of the third term, the war in the DRC and what he called the "autocratic and aging SWAPO leadership." Ulunga had all the (credential) yearned for by the SWAPO detractors-he was an "Ovambo" and SWAPO leader with a "strong trade union background." Hidipo Hamutenya then Minister of Trade and Industry, was linked to Ulunga's breakaway faction. He denied it strenuously, saying that "it is cold outside" SWAPO Party.

In 2007, he followed in Ulunga's footsteps. Suddenly it was no longer "cold outside" SWAPO Party. A few days later, he "joined" the Rally for Democracy and Progress (RDP) presumably or allegedly because "SWAPO has lost its vision and focus and a sense of purpose..." In the classification of "radicals" and "moderates" leaders in SWAPO Party, Hidipo-suspiciously cunning, dangerously treacherous, highly duplicitous and egoistically scurry that he is- was both...

Within the leadership, he projected an image of a "hardliner and radical leader" with all socialist smiles on his lips craving for a huge following within Party structures through "popular socialist leanings". Outside SWAPO Party structures, however, he falsely presented himself as a "pragmatic and moderate" by projecting himself to the business community, largely white, as a leader in SWAPO Party in favour of "free market policies" to inspire a huge following with financial capital to help fund his political ambitions. The two paths were geometrically calculated to cross at his presidential ambitions. In both cases, he concealed his real intentions... Hidipo had falsely created an image of a "formidable leader" around him through exaggerated popularity and concealed intentions. But those who urged him on in his dance of attrition were SWAPO Party's detractors, not SWAPO Party supporters. By that time, Hidipo had never tested his political project in an election (Namibia Today 30 October 2009).

We should also examine the closest associates who campaigned for HH and not as he hinted that he does not care that there was no 'mass exodus' even when he said at the time that 'many will follow suit'. There is an adage that says "if you tell me who your friends are, I will be able to tell who you are." If we make a close examination of Hidipo's associates; there is "National Society for Human Rights (NSHR) Executive Director Mr. Phil Ya Nangoloh (who) went to sue SWAPO Party and Namibia Today for calling him a "pathological liar" over unfounded and baseless claims he made in newspapers. Ya Nangoloh was particularly irked by the paragraphs which appeared in Namibia Today's zoom In, in which the editor called him "a pathological liar" last year, following his claims that Founding President Sam Nujoma and National Assembly Speaker, Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, were "agents" of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), a spying arm of the USA. The allegations were published in the Windhoek Observer in a series of 23 articles which Ya Nangoloh had authored to "prove" that both Dr. Nujoma and Dr. Gurirab were "CIA Agents."

Ya Nangoloh, in June last year, came up with another allegation that Minister Iivulathana and SWAPO Secretary for Youth League (SPYL), Dr. Elijah Ngurare, were, through "clandestine machinations," negotiating with the government of Angola to sign an extradition treaty under which Ya Nangoloh would be "extraordinarily rendered to Angola to face prosecution on unspecified alleged crimes." There was also the allegation of a "clique" with the "country's civilian intelli-

gence outfit," the Namibia Central Intelligence Agency (NCIA), which was plotting to "eliminate" him and several "other perceived government critics" and others. Few people inside and outside the country want to be associated with NSHR, and largely, because of his conduct, sources that have funded his activities since 1989 are dying up, NSHR's annual human rights reports have over the years become untrustworthy, fictitious; reprehensible and seriously suspicious. With funds drying up, it has to change its name under which it should operate to Namibia Rights and Responsibilities Inc or just NAMRIGHTS to regain some sort of dignity (Namibia Today 30 August 2010).

Another associate was John Grobler, a local journalist who had written several slanderous and defamatory articles against President Hifikepunye Pohamba and Founding President Nujoma. Grobler's articles were also published in the Windhoek Observer before and after SWAPO Party's Extraordinary congress in 2004, under the pseudo name of Jonathan Cobra, who after thorough investigation by Namibia Today, turned out to be Grobler who had written more than 30 defamatory and libelous articles between April and November 2004. When he was unmasked and exposed, in the end, he finally admitted that he was indeed Jonathan Cobra, adding that he changed his name because "Vambos cannot pronounce Grobler properly, they just say Globba." A common threat that ran through Grobler's a.k.a Cobra's articles was that Cde. Nujoma was just a "dictator" who had "singlehandedly taken decisions alone" and who "brooks no dissenting views." On May 29, 2004, Cobra wrote in the Windhoek Observer that when SWAPO was "formed in 1958" (sic) in New York (sic), President Nujoma "just sat" in the chair that was "reserved for would-be-president and never left it again" wrote Cobra: "...that kind of political obstinacy is what has come to characterize his rule: dogmatic obduracy has since gotten confused with political will-hence the title of his self-aggrandizing biography, "Where Others Wavered." "And what a bunch of toss that is; many of the facts in the book have simply been twisted to suit Nujoma's self-perpetuating myth of steadfastness, whereas the truth is that he himself thought and expressed the misgivings that SWAPO would never be able to return to Namibia. And this my friend is not conjecture-he wavered as well..." wrote Cobra whose articles favoured Hidipo Hamutenya in his bid to become SWAPO Party Presidential Candidate and flopped badly and had since

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**Site Inspection:** Compulsory Meeting will be held on 05 November 2010, 09:00 at the Parks Division office, David Hosea Merero Road (Hochland Road), Windhoek.  
**Closing Date:** Wednesday, 24 November 2010 at 14:30  
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#### TENDER NO. M 126/10

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