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cision-making body between two congresses, should provide the answer, as it did when it adopted a succession policy. But even that policy had to be ratified by the next Congress.

“SWAPO Party has a proud legacy of unmatched leadership throughout history,” she said. “It was that unmatched leadership which saw us proudly march to freedom. It was that unmatched leadership which saw a child from Etunda village all the way to successfully leading the nation through the toughest of times.

“It was indeed that unmatched leadership that saw another child from Okanghudi Village achieving the pinnacle and leading the nation once again as the second President of the Republic.

“We remain steadfast and committed to continuing the legacy of capable leadership. Henceforth, the issue of the next SWAPO Party leadership, must, should and will be discussed within the structures of the Party at an appropriate time and the Congress alone will have the final say.

“Outside discussions may compromise our proud legacy as the process may be hijacked by external forces who may not have the interest of the Party and potentially cause division among the proud SWAPO Party family.”

Cde Iivula-Ithana called on Party members to remain vigilant and maintain unity of purpose as the SWAPO Party government continued to provide solutions to the country’s economic development.

It (succession) is not for the public to get into this matter,” she said. “It is a purely SWAPO Party matter. And SWAPO Party has structures where we discuss issues of this nature. SWAPO Party members who want to take this issue out of the Party structures have it wrong.

“Elders, youth, women, and now veterans have their structures. Everybody is catered for. It is up to these bodies to discuss their matters, matters pertaining to succession, if they so wish. But it must be at an appropriate time. Everything has a beginning and an end.”



Mrs Cristina Cassepo, Tula Nujoma Gongga and her brother Jose Gongga Jamba with Founding President Dr Sam Nujoma.

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normal check-up, and based on the results of that check-up, further cardiac investigations and procedures were recommended by a team of cardiologists and the Windhoek Central Hospital where he spent a day and

half.

“He has since been discharged and is doing well resting at home,” said Dr. Iithete. “At the age of 81, H.E Nujoma continues to enjoy a relatively good health conducting to his normal duties and activities in retirement which among them includes farming. We will continue to monitor his health and

well-being, including a watchful eye over his sometimes busy schedule.”

On Wednesday, a healthy-looking and jovial Cde Nujoma received his namesake from Angola, accompanied by his mother and her brother, at his residence. Mrs Christina Cassepo, her son Tula Nujoma Gongga, and her brother Jose

place ballot papers in ballot boxes to the advantage of a contesting political party.”

The opposition parties have

yet to decide whether to appeal or not.

Caption for Nujoma story; Mrs Cristina Cassepo, Tula

Gonga Jamba paid a courtesy call on the Founding President. Christina’s husband died some years back.

Tula Nujoma Gongga was born in 1989, the year the Founding President left Angola for Namibia. His parents named him after Cde Nujoma in recognition of the role he had

played in the liberation of Namibia.

The now 22-year old Nujoma junior was given a suit, shirts, a pair of shoes, several ties and socks by his namesake. His mother was given an Oshiwambo traditional dress, while her brother was also given a safari suit.



Founding President Nujoma giving his namesake, Tula Nujoma Gongga, a suit and some clothes. Photo by Anna Nakambale.

Nujoma Gongga and her brother Jose Gongga Jamba with Founding President Dr Sam Nujoma. Party of the SWAPO Party

rallies during the 2009 National Assembly and Presidential elections, which the Party won with a landslide victory.

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Petrus Damaseb, with Judge Collins Parker concurring, threw out the case and ordered the opposition parties to pay SWAPO Party’s cost.

The High Court found that the evidence provided before the court by the opposition parties were not sufficient enough to prove that there were serious irregularities which could have influenced the outcome of the elections.

The opposition parties built their case on the fact that more people voted in the election than were actually registered, without “a single piece of eyewitness or physical evidence offered to support even one case of ballot-stuffing,” the judges found.

For the Court to entertain the opposition parties “very unspecific and generalized allegation of ballot stuffing,” the judges stated, the Court had to find that an “invisible hand was hard at work, with clock-work accuracy coordinating lapses in the electoral administration process – and using those lapses to great effect and accuracy – to illegally



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