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Ithana laughs off RDP 'victory'

'What have they won?'

SWAPO Party Secretary General, Cde Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana, has laughed off "celebrations" by the Rally for Democracy and Progress, RDP, following the Supreme Court ruling which referred their case back to the High Court to be heard on merit.

On Monday this week, the Supreme Court ruled that the case in which nine opposition parties took the Electoral Commission of Namibia, ECN, and SWAPO Party to court, alleging that last year's National As-

sembly and Presidential Elections were rigged, be referred to the High Court for abdication.

The case was first heard in the High Court where two High Court Judges struck it off the

roll with cost on technical ground because the opposition parties' lawyers failed to file the applications before the deadline, saying that as far as they were concerned, no case was properly filed before the Court.



SWAPO Party Secretary General, Cde Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana

The nine opposition parties then appealed the two judgments. This week, however,

the Supreme Court ruled in the opposition parties favour when it issued its verdict on the mat-

ter, ruling that the case should be referred back to the High

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GIPF in firing line

NUNW wants management and Board suspended and charged Kaaronda retains his position amid even-handed moves to oust him

By Asser Ntinda

Despite several behind the scene attempts to have the financial scandal haunting the beleaguered Government Institution Pension Fund, GIPF, removed from the agenda of last week's congress of the National Union of Namibian Workers, NUNW, it was finally pushed through and the rot has come into the open.

Several representatives who were appointed on GIPF Board



NUNW Secretary General Cde. Evilastus Kaaronda

of Trustees representing both the government and the workers have waxed rich over the past years in dubious deals and transactions which could, if investigated, land them in jail for several years.

Some trustees ostensibly in cahoots with management had approved loans without applications or minutes of meetings where such loans were approved and diverted such loans

to companies in which they were directors, a serious conflict of interest.

The NUNW now wants President Hifikepunye Pohamba to appoint a special Presidential Commission of Inquiry into the findings of a report by the Namibia Financial Institutions Supervisory Authority, NAMFISA. Its findings

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Job creation to remain NUNW priority

PM says join govt's efforts to achieve that aim

By Levi Upula

The National Union of Namibian Workers, NUNW, says it will continue to call for more job creation projects and speedy land reform programmes to benefit the landless, especially the workers, in both towns and rural areas.

This was one of the resolutions passed at the just ended NUNW congress in Windhoek last weekend. The union said that it was not comfortable with the pace at which jobs were created in the country, and wanted more job-creating projects to be intensified in an effort to absorb more unemployed people, especially the youth.

This issue, the congress was

informed, had been taken up with the government on many occasions, especially after the closure of Ramatex which had resulted in thousands of young people losing their jobs through retrenchments and subsequent closure.

Delegates at the congress were also informed through re-

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