A Namibian Teenager’s take on the book: The Exile Child

Please allow me to tell the Namibian nation my thoughts about the newly published book by a Namibian author, Valentina: The Exile Child. I’m a 19 year old Namibian youth who recently finished Windhoek High High School and now attending Polytech. I read the hard copy of the book from the first page to the last page and I was intrigued by the content of the book and the exciting details in it. Through reading the book, I gained an understanding and thorough knowledge on the opulent history that Namibia possesses and inspired by the authors life and experiences.

The touch-tough Namibian has gone through during its liberation struggle for independence shaped Namibian today. We enjoy independence because of blood and tears that were shed; our heroes sacrificed their lives for the motherland, Namibia and this rich history is detailed in the book.

The book gives reflections on the life and experiences in the exile camps of Kwanza Sali, Lubango etc. and the condition under which people lived, even made easier by visuals in the book as well as the authors own experience under the same circumstance in exile times. The book gives a broad view of the independent Namibia, her culture of her history, her life in England, her country of awakening and in the USA, her country of growth. The state of affairs of which many do not have a clue off, many try to imagine how life really was and how people endured under those demanding periods, the book gives a reflection on those hard times.

The opinion of the author is an inspiration to many, example of her life abroad during times of tertiary education were she fought hard to make sure that she was financially secure on her own without support, the author kept on believing that all she was going through will come to pass, the book reflects the authors personal life with reference on various events and topics that helped shape the authors life. The writers personal story takes place against historical events. reading about her experiences I was stunned to learn to never give up in difficult situations but to keep believing that better times are ahead and to keep striving for a better me to reach the highest banner, life can really be hard sometimes and trying to comprehend it may turn out to be a difficult task for many. I am inspired to live my life to the fullest. History has taught me, “there’s always a way” teaching one to be a fighter in life.

I recommend this book to all citizens of the motherland Namibia and of the cosmopolitan that would have to have an insight of Namibias history and its people. God bless Namibia.

By Kakede Ka Nangula

Five US soldiers charged with murdering civilians in Afghanistan

By a reporter

A total of five US soldiers are now facing murder charges for the killing of three civilians in Afghanistan earlier this year, according to a statement issued by the Army on Thursday. Three of the soldiers were charged Tuesday, two each charged earlier this month. All will face the death penalty if convicted.

Staff Sgt. Calvin Gibbs, 25, of Billings, Montana, and Spec. Jer Morlock, 22, of Wasilla, Alaska, were charged with three counts each of murder and one count each of assault. Pfc. Andrew Holmes, 18, of Boise, Idaho; Spec. Michael Wagner, 29, of Las Vegas; and Spec. Adam Winfield, 21, of Cape Coral, Florida, were charged Tuesday with one count of premeditated murder.

The three killings took place in separate incidents near Forward Operating Base Ramrod in Kandahar province, a position manned by soldiers of B Company, 2nd battalion, 1st infantry regi- ment, 5th Stryker brigade combat teams, 2nd infantry division. Pfc. Holmes is accused of killing Gul Mudin in January. Spec. Wagner is accused of shooting Munza Agha to death on Febru- ary 22, as he was seeking another soldier to erase the evidence of the death from a computer hard drive. Spec. Winfield is accused of killing Mullah Adhabad May 2. The killings all involved the use of gre- nades and rifle fire.

Spec. Morlock and Staff Sgt. Gibbs were charged in all three of the killings, which took place over the span of four months in the country. The Army has said that the evidence points toward premeditation.”

Lt. Col. Tamara Parker, spokes- woman for Joint Base Lewis-McChord, said the charges were “absolutely serious allegations,” adding that “the circumstances will be revealed as the case moves forward, but the evidence points toward premeditation.”

Reflecting the sensitivity of the incursion, she continued, “We hope that it will not cause problems with the good work the soldiers are trying to do to bring peace.”

A series of US atrocities against Afghan civilians, many of them in- volving the bombing of weddings and other large family gatherings, have sparked immense and continuing outrage among the Af-ghan people. 

The trial began in late August of 2005 and from August 2006 to No- vember 2006.

When he could not give sub- stantial answers, the Commission of Inquiry postponed the hear- ing, having discovered that noth- ing was coming out of Hamutenya. The whole enquiry was abandoned indefinitely. Hidipo Hamutenya as an leader of RDP, was not supposed to boycott parliament if he was more clever than Pohamba. Hidipo Hamutenya, parliament, a National symbol and no sober minded person could ever play with it. He was defeated during the last November election, and it is very predictable that whatever Hidipo whom he is slandering as not going the country properly, he would have accepted defeat like what former British Prime Min- ister Mr. Brown did.

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Zim Imperialist Agents On the Loose In Namibia

Reliable sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, have revealed that several opposition leaders from Zimbabwe, posing as qualified journalists in tv, radio and print media, are targeting progressive Namibian media institutions to use as be- gunning war-torn Afghan.

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American hunting for Bin Laden released from Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, — American citizen Gary Faulkner, who arrived in Pakistan earlier this month with a greed to collect a big bounty for killing al- Qaeda chief, has been released and left for the United States, local media reported on Wednesday.

Faulkner, 51, was arrested from the northern Pakistan’s scenic city of Chitral on June 15 while attempting to sneak into Pakistan’s Northwest province.

Caught being armed with pistol, sword, dagger and night vision device, the American citizen was on a personal mission of killing al-Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden, hav- 

ing a 25 million U.S. dollar head-money on him, local po- lice said.

Muntaz Ahmed, a senior police investigator, said Faulkner was hunting bin Laden because he suffered per- secution on the front lines. One of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

An intelligence official in Chitral, who asked not to be identified, said Faulkner shouted “Don’t come closer to me if I’ll open fire!” when approached by police.

Local media said it marks one of the first instances of an American entering Pakistan and searching for a fight against al-Qaeda and other militants.

Chitral is a tourist destination but had minutely felt the effects of military and extremism that have gripped the northwest tribal areas of Pakistan for years.

In April, a Greek social worker and a theologian, Athanasios Lerounis, was safely recovered after being kidnapped by Taliban militants in September 2009 to exchange freedom of some of militants and some local residents.

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