

# Kapia's ordeal ends

**'I am happy it is over. I will not revenge against anybody'**

By Asser Ntinda

The outspoken and combative former Secretary of the militant SWAPO Party Youth League, SPYL, Cde Paulus Kapia, has hailed the Central Committee's decision to lift his suspension from taking part in SWAPO Party activities, but he says he will never forget the pain that he has been going through over the last five years.

He said the ordeal had caused him irreparable pain. Some old friends and comrades stopped visiting him. Others distanced themselves from him and did not even bother to call him. When his father passed away last year, only a few comrades comforted him. None of those he thought would be there ever turned up.

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"It was a serious psychological torture, but I handled it with confidence because I knew it was not done by my Party. This was the work of individuals whose motives were not detected on time. They managed to influence the decision-making process in the Party. But I am happy it is now finally resolved, though it was not easy for me," he said.

"Imagine you are suspended from taking part in Party activities. I have an office as SPYL Secretary where I could not go. SPYL had a congress which I should organize and chair as Secretary, but I could not attend. It was not easy. I want to thank my doctors. They advised me correctly. One of my doctors, Dr. Elizabeth Shangula, passed away. She was my pillar.

She did all the talking. I took her instructions and advice seriously. I never had high blood pressure. That was my fear.

"I thank all my doctors for their advice and instructions which saw me through this saga. I am not psychologically damaged by it. You know, you are on suspension, then another case that you do not know, comes up. People wanted me to be arrested. You ask why? They only tell you that what is on paper is all they have! What is this? You could clearly see that it was politically motivated."

SWAPO Party Central Committee took the decision two weeks ago to lift the suspension which was imposed on Cde Kapia in 2005 by the Party's Politburo and later endorsed by the Central Committee. Announcing the decision two weeks ago, SWAPO Party Secretary General, Cde Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana, said that the Party's leadership discussed the suspension and unanimously agreed to lift it.

Speaking to Namibia Today shortly after receiving his letter from Cde Iivula-Ithana in which he was officially informed about the lifting of the suspension this week, Cde Kapia said he felt re-

lieved and was happy that justice had prevailed at last, thanking the leadership for bringing the issue to its logical conclusion.

Cde Kapia blamed the ordeal he went through on some individuals within SWAPO Party who had their own agenda and were hard at work to destroy him politically. Those individuals, he said, placed their interests above those of the Party in order to realize their presidential ambitions.

"These things were done deliberately by some individuals. Some of these people have left SWAPO Party. Some are still hibernating in the Party. I am saying hibernating because they had a committee which was managing the whole inquiry to cause confusion," said Cde Kapia.

"State machineries were used in this whole saga. These people wanted Kapia not to be trusted by Founding President Sam Nujoma, by President Hifikepunye Pohamba and by the entire leadership. The strategy was that Kapia should be destroyed politically. Even Prime Minister Nahas Angula was one day informed that I had overdosed and was in ICU and died there. There was a group

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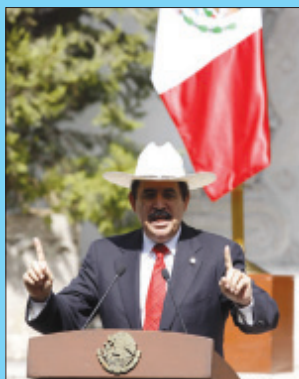


Former SPYL, Cde Paulus Kapia, whose suspension from taking part in SWAPO Party activities has been lifted, says he is ready to talk it out. Photo by Asser Ntinda.

## Coup regime steps up repression in Honduras

By Rafael Azul

Demonstrations in Honduras against the government of de facto President Roberto Micheletti and the military forces that seized power on June 28 and expelled President José Manuel Zelaya have continued in the face of mounting repression. In an attempt to quash opposition to the coup, the government has brought back the brutal tactics of the dictatorship of the 1970s and early 1980s.



President José Manuel Zelaya

On Friday July 24, construction worker Pedro Magdiel Muñoz was

dragged down the sidewalk by an army officer and detained. His body was found near a coffee processing plant early the next morning showing signs of beatings and torture. His right hand and arm were black and blue from being bound. He had been hacked to death. Magdiel Muñoz was part of a group of demonstrators who were marching on the Nicaraguan border to welcome Zelaya back into Honduras.

The Committee for the Defense of Human Rights in Honduras

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A Kindergarten in Okahandja Park has been named Dr. Elijah Ngurare Kindergarten. Here Dr. Ngurare holds //Hoeb Natasha, who attends this Kindergarten. Natasha says her ambition is to become President one day. Photo by Levi Upula.