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The countdown. "We are ready for Wednesday." SWAPO Party's second last rally, which was addressed by Founding President Dr. Sam Nujoma. Photo by Levi Upula.

## Okahandja counts days ...as SWAPO flexes muscles

By Levi Upula and Anna Nakambale

Okahandja will feel the heavy presence of SWAPO Party until the by-election slated for Wednesday next week is over. The blue, red and green colours of the ruling Party are almost everywhere—on trees, houses, cars and bicycles.

Last weekend, it was Founding President Dr. Sam Nujoma's turn to urge Okahandja residents to rally behind SWAPO Party and vote for its candidate, Cde Steve



Nghtiwalvi Jafet Shilongo and Founding President Sam Nujoma. See details in the story. Photo by Levi Upula.

Biko Booyis. As usual, Okahandja Soccer

Stadium was packed to capacity, with the large chunk of the crowd made up mainly of the youth, most of them the born-frees who will vote for the first time, come Wednesday.

The Founding President received a hero's welcome with the crowd cheering as Ndilimani thrilled it with the popular "Sam Owuli Pen, Yelulee Pandela..." (Sam! Where are you...? Raise the flag) on his arrival. He was welcomed by the SWAPO Party leadership led by the Party's

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# Katjuongua sues SWAPO, Namibia Today

**Wants N\$400,000 in 'damages'**

By Staff Reporter

Former member of the Congress of Democrats, CoD, Moses Katjuongua, has sued SWAPO Party and its newspaper, Namibia Today, demanding N\$400,000 in defamation claim arising from Zoom In published in May last year.

In summons handed over to Namibia Today on Wednesday, Katjuongua claimed as a result of the publication of Zoom In, he had been damaged as the article was understood by ordinary people to mean that he "could not be taken seriously" by the general public and that he was of "unsound mind and incapable of rational conduct—a stupid person." Namibia Today never used words "a stupid person."

He also claimed that the article meant that he "was an opportunist with no steadfast prin-

ciples and low morals" and that he was a "cheat and dishonourable person who deceives others" and that he "supported apartheid" as a former puppet.

Zoom In was based on his decision to resign from CoD, which he announced himself in the second week of May last year. The article chronicled Katjuongua's political career and mentioned some of the political parties he had formed or joined.

It said that the National Patriotic Front, NPF, which saw

Katjuongua serving as its lone Member of the National Assembly, could not survive during the 1994 National Assembly and Presidential elections and Katjuongua lost his only seat in the House.

Having lost in the 1994 National Assembly and Presidential elections, Katjuongua went on to form another party, the Democratic Coalition of Namibia, DCN, which he dragged into the 1999 National Assembly and Presidential elections.

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## The US puts "regime change" in Iran on agenda

By Peter Symonds

As part of its drive for punitive new sanctions over Iran's nuclear programs, the Obama administration launched a major diplomatic offensive in the Middle East this week to enlist the support of its allies in the region. US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman Admiral Mike Mullen, Central Command head General David Petraeus and top State Department officials are taking part in the operation.

Clinton expounded the central theme of the US campaign before an audience of students at the Carnegie Mellon University's satellite campus in Doha, Qatar on Monday. In a barely disguised appeal to opposition in Tehran's rul-

ing circles, she declared that Iran was in danger of military takeover by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC).

"We see that the government of Iran, the supreme leader, the president, the parliament, is being sup-



Hillary Clinton

planted, and that Iran is moving towards a military dictatorship,"

Clinton told her audience. She reiterated the point to journalists as she flew from Qatar to Saudi Arabia, saying: "I think the trend with this greater and greater military lock on the leadership decisions should be disturbing to Iranians, as well as to those of us on the outside."

Clinton drove home the same point in Saudi Arabia. She told the press that Iran's leading clerics and political figures must "take back the authority which they should be exercising on behalf of the people". Clinton's comments, which are obviously aimed at driv-

ing a political wedge into the Iranian regime, go hand-in-hand with Washington's plans to specifically target new sanctions against the Revolutionary Guard. Previously, the Obama administration had mooted crippling economic sanctions, including a ban on the sale of refined petroleum products. Now it appears to have concluded that such penalties would alienate the people it is seeking to enlist against the IRGC.

While Clinton did not use the phrase "regime change," Obama's

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