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# Libya under attack

## Where is the African Union?

By Gerald A. Perreira

Thousands of Indians, Egyptians, Chinese, Filipinos, Turks, Germans, English, Italians, Malaysians, Koreans and a host of other nationalities are lining up at the borders and the airport to leave Libya. It begs the question: What were they doing in Libya in the first place? Unemployment figures, according to the Western media and Al Jazeera, are at 30%. If this is so, then why all these foreign workers?

For those of us who have lived and worked in Libya, there are many complexities to the current situation that have been completely overlooked by the Western media and 'Westoxicated' analysts, who have nothing other than a Eurocentric perspective to draw on. Let us be clear - there is no possibility of understanding what is happening in Libya within a Eurocentric frame-



Gaddafi at the 12th African Union summit in Addis Ababa. (2009)

work. Westerners are incapable of understanding a system unless the system emanates from or is attached in some way to

the West. Libya's system and the battle now taking place on its soil, stands completely outside of the Western imagina-

tion.

News coverage by the BBC, CNN and Al Jazeera has been oversimplified and misleading. An array of anti-Qaddafi spokespersons, most living outside Libya, have been paraded in front of us - each one clearly a counter-revolutionary and less credible than the last. Despite the clear and irrefutable evidence from the beginning of this rebellion that Muammar Qaddafi had considerable support both inside Libya and internationally, not one pro-Qaddafi voice has been allowed to air. The media and their selected commentators have done their best to manufacture an opinion that Libya is essentially the same as Egypt and Tunisia and that Qaddafi is just another tyrant amassing large sums of money in Swiss bank accounts. But no matter how hard they try, they cannot make Qaddafi into a Mubarak or Libya into Egypt.

The first question is: Is the

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## Attack on Libya 'crime against humanity'—Nujoma

By Asser Ntinda

The invasion of Libya by the Western Powers has been described as illegal and a flagrant violation of international law by several leading Namibian politicians, among them President Hifikepunye Pohamba and Founding President Sam Nujoma.

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## "Unemployed youth should benefit from N\$14.7 billion TIPEEG budget"—Ngurare

By Levi Upula

The creation of employment is arguably the priority for many countries throughout the world. In fact there are millions unemployed people in such developed countries like the United States, Britain, Germany or France. Those governments have come to terms with the phenomena of beggars in their societies.

The resources of Africa in their raw forms are actually exported to the Western countries to create employment for their

unemployed people. The only thing is that the poverty of Western countries is concealed whereas Africa's poverty is publicised and marketed very well.

These were amongst the remarks made by Dr. Elijah Ngurare, Secretary of the SWAPO Party Youth League when he held a meeting with unemployed youth of the Swakopmund District of the SWAPO Party Youth League. The meeting was held at the renovated Regional Headquarters of the SWAPO Party at Swakomund, Erongo Region.



Camarada Elijah Ngurare

At the same occasion, Comrade Ngurare, congratulated the SWAPO Party Government for

tabling a progressive budget which seeks to address the plight of its unemployed population especially the youth, rural and urban poor.

Comrade Ngurare applauded the Minister of Finance Cde.Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila for the budget she tabled which included the introduction of a special programme geared to towards tackling unemployment called Targeted Intervention Programme for Employment and Economic Growth (or TIPEEG). "According to the Budget Speech of Cde

Kuugongelwa-Amadhila "this program is aimed specifically at addressing economic growth and the high unemployment rate through support to strategic growth sectors. The TIPEEG will focus on four key sectors, namely, agriculture, transport, tourism and housing and sanitation." She added that the "total budget for the programme over the MTEF is provided under each of the sectors and it amounts to N\$ 9.1 billion, inclusive of Public Works, the allocation for job creation amounts to N\$14.7

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