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Speaking at the 21st independence anniversary in Otjiwarongo on Monday, President Pohamba said that the African Union Peace Council made it clear that any foreign military invasion in the internal affairs of any African state should be condemned “in the strongest terms.”

“I am deeply saddened by the fact that some of our brothers and sisters in Libya are being attacked by non-African forces,” said the President. “We deplore and regret the latest invasion led by some European countries.”

The President was referring to atrocities on Libya launched by the United States, France and Italy, under the guise of “protecting civilians” from aerial bombings by Libyan “air and ground forces.” There are rebels who are fighting to overthrow a legitimate government in Libya.

Founding President Sam Nujoma has also condemned the invasion, saying that no country had the right to wage a war of aggression against any other sovereign state. He said that it was not allowed under international law.

“I condemn it in the strongest terms,” he said on Thursday. “It is a crime against humanity.”

“Now the West is taking advantage of the fact that it has been given that support to let itself in a position in which tomorrow it would be masters of resources of Libya, especially the oil. And it is this oil, oil which is the undoing of the Libyan people.”

Foreign Affairs Minister Utoni Nujoma, who represented Namibia at the recent African Union meeting which discussed the Libyan issue, had also come out punching, saying the AU and Peace Security Council made a strong commitment to respecting Libya’s territorial integrity and rejected any foreign intervention in whatever form.

Minister Utoni said that since the Libyan crisis began a few weeks ago, Namibia had recognized the legitimate aspirations of the Libyan people and called for peaceful dialogues.

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The Sam Nujoma Foundation, amongst other things, encourages and promotes studies in science subjects such as mathematics, biology, geology, agriculture and other related fields. The Foundation wants Namibia to produce its own scientists, while at the same time helping the vulnerable ones.

“Therefore, it gives us tremendous joy to have the opportunity to contribute and be part of such a worthy and notable course,” said Eiseb. “At Global Diamond Valuators Namibia, we are the eyes and ears of the government. Every diamond exported from Namibia goes through us to ascertain its value.”

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The youth in attendance included grade 10 and 12 drop outs, those with carpentry or other vocational experience, some with diplomas obtained from Zimbabwe, some were children of the liberation struggle while others were job seekers of a long time making it difficult for them to find work. Some youth succeeded some departments and directorates of ministries in Erongo of discriminating them by asking long years of experience when going for interviews.

Meanwhile in the youth the meeting expressed appreciation to government for the budgeted amount and suggested that some money should be channelled to local authorities in order to create employment.

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Founding President Sam Nujoma and his official welcome GDNV delegation at his Office. From left are Timothoes Muedje, Alfino Prang, Karl Manfred Isakali and Andries Jackson Eiseb from GDNV. On the are John Njata, Dece Ileka and Nahum Indombu from the Founding President’s Office. Photo by Anna Nakambale.

N$100 000 for Sam Nujoma Foundation

By Asser Ntinda

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The Founding President received a cheque from GDNV’s Executive Chairman, Andries Jackson Eiseb. Photo by Anna Nakambale.