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# Truth claims

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perceived and imagined dominant categories, mount a guerrilla action for alternative meaning of resistance consciousness, presenting "truth claims" in convoluted arcane language intended to intimidate the uninitiated with exhortations and protests of saints vs. sinners, innocents vs. monsters, for or against this, pro or contra that, in a moralized politics that create inno-

cence, while the truth is that power depends upon the denial of power.

The point here is neither to justify separation and division nor to endorse standpoints but rather to argue that separation is a simultaneous refusal. The word commonly used in these debates is diversity, that takes into account the existence of different needs and interests, but the word itself doesn't register the fact that advocating for "diversity" contributes to divisiveness since diversity disrupts homoge-

neities and sacrifice "excellence".

On the other hand, In essence, ignoring differences encourage and provides the necessary ammunition and conceptual basis for an essentialism that denies the basis for difference. Each group will claim a fixed, transcendent identity establishing itself and denying the differences and interconnections of others. These others, whether they are ethnic language groups or not, adopt a language of protection con-

ceptualized in terms of victimization, which in turn leads to identity politics of minorities and gives rise to a moralizing dogmatism.

The point is; despite the fashionable nostalgia for pockets of differences holding onto blindingly narrow ideals polarizing the debate, we need to build bridges in our discourse. Mr. Haufiku, with all due respect, is polarizing the debate and even if his pronouncements gave rise to highly contested observations, they are quite se-

rious in their philosophical as well as practical implications about group and national identity. Yet, I conclude that the polemical anti-this and contra that thrust of rhetoric is absurdly out of place and the framing of the debate in moralist "truth claims" is shallow, misinformed, and intellectually shoddy. The mentality of the accuser of the brethren is for those who have fallen from grace and are full of anger, resentment and revenge. It is my humble belief that we should

not allow our differences to erect barriers between us and our fellow human beings. We should recognize humanity wherever it occurs, and give its fundamental ingredients, reason and moral capacity, our first allegiance.

Let us make all Namibians part of our community of dialogue and concern, base our political deliberations on that interlocking commonality, and build this nation.

By Paul T. Shipale

# I WOULD SO MUCH LIKE TO BE WRONG

When these line was published in the Granma newspaper last Friday, the date of July 26, when we proudly remember the honor of having resisted the imperialists' attacks, will be felt distant, despite the fact that it is only 32 days away.

Those who determine every step of humanity's worst enemy -the US imperialism, a combination of miserable material interests, contempt and underestimation of the other peoples who inhabit this planet-have calculated everything with mathematical precision.

In the Reflection of June 16, I wrote: "The diabolic reports slide down little by little in between matches of the Football World Cup, so that nobody takes notice."

The famous sports contest is now in its most exciting moment.



Commandante Fidel Castro Ruz

For 14 days, the teams with the best players from 32 nations have been competing to advance to the

stage of quarter-finals, semi-finals and then the final competition.

The sports enthusiasm grows constantly attracting hundreds of millions or perhaps even billions of people worldwide.

But, we should be wondering how many are aware that from June 20 US warships, including the aircraft carrier Harry S. Truman, escorted by one or more nuclear submarines and other warships carrying missiles and cannons more powerful than the old battleships used during the last World War between 1939 and 1945, have been moving towards the Iranian coasts via the Suez Canal.

This movement of the Yankee naval forces is accompanied by Israeli military ships, carrying equally sophisticated weaponry, intended to supervise any vessel involved in the import or export of commercial products

required by the Iranian economy for its operations.

Following a US proposal supported by the United Kingdom, France and Germany, the UN Security Council passed a tough resolution which was not vetoed by any of the five countries with the right to do it.

Another tougher resolution was adopted by the US Senate.

Later, a third and even tougher resolution was approved by the member countries of the European Community. All of this happened before June 20, which motivated French President Nicolas Sarkozy to make an urgent trip to Russia —according to press reports—to meet with the head of State of that powerful country, Dmitri Medvedev, in hope of negotiating with Iran and preventing the worst from happening.

Now, it's a matter of calculating when the American and Israeli naval forces will be deployed off the coasts of Iran joining there the aircraft carriers and other US military ships already on watch in the region.

It is still worse that, the same as the United States, Israel — its gendarme in the Middle East—has state-of-the-art fighter planes and sophisticated nuclear weapons supplied by the United States, which have turned it into the sixth nuclear power on Earth, in terms of its fire power, and one of eight such powers that include India and Pakistan.

The Shah of Iran was overthrown by the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in 1979 without firing one shot.

But then the United States imposed on that nation a war with chemical weapons whose components it supplied to Iraq along with the information required by this country's combat units; such weapons were used against the Guardians of the Revolution.

Cuba knows this because, as we have said before, our country chaired the Non- Aligned Movement at the time. We know very well the damage done to the populations.

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, currently the head of State of Iran, was chief of the sixth army of the Guardians of the Revolution and chief of the Guardians Corps in the western provinces, which carried the bulk of that war.

Today, in 2010, thirty-one

years later, both the United States and Israel underestimate the one-million men that make up Iran's Armed Forces and their fighting capacity on the ground as well as the air, sea and ground forces of the Guardians of the Revolution.

These forces are compounded by 20 million men and women, ages 12 through 60, selected and systematically trained by their various armed institutions, from the 70 million people who live in that country.

The US administration worked out a plan to promote a political movement that based on capitalist consumerism would divide the Iranians and overthrow the government.

Such hope is now harmless. It's simply ridiculous to think that the US warships and Israeli forces combined could win the sympathies of even one Iranian citizen.

I initially thought, as I analyzed the current situation, that the conflict would start at the Korean peninsula, where the second Korean War would break out, and that another war would immediately follow; the one that the United States would impose on Iran.

Now, we are witnessing a different turn of events: the war in Iran will immediately spark off that of Korea.

The leadership of North Korea, which was accused of sinking the 'Cheonan' and which knows only too well that said ship was sunk by a mine attached to its hull by the Yankee intelligence services, will not miss a second to act as soon as Iran is attacked.

It is only fair that football fans freely enjoy the competitions of this World Cup.

I simply fulfill my duty of informing our people, as I think mostly of our youths, full of life and hopes, especially our wonderful children, so that the developments do not catch them by surprise.

It hurts to think of the dreams conceived by human beings and the amazing things they have created in barely a few thousand years.

At a time when the most revolutionary dreams are coming true and our homeland is firmly on the path to recovery, I would so much like to be wrong!

By Fidel Castro Ruz

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#### AUCTION DOCUMENTS

Maps with lists of the properties, Conditions of Auction and Draft Deed of Sale are available free of charge at the Customer Care Centre, Reverend Michael Scott Street.

#### DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO REGISTER

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