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**Windhoek** – The second title defence of Paulus ‘Hitman’ Moses for the WBA lightweight title is like a nightmare and extremely unbelievable to Namibians and Africans in general.

It is so spine-chilling to think of the fight of this magnitude to be cancelled due to an injury.

The first challenger was Uruguay’s Anthonio who was the mandatory challenger to Moses but was knocked out by Moses in the 1 minute 47 seconds of the ninth round scheduled for 12 rounds.

This fight took place in the United Kingdom.

Now Moses is going to face Venezuela’s Miguel Acosta, alias Aguerri, who is the current mandatory challenger to the Regular WBA champion, ‘The Hitman’.

The 31 years-old Acosta has a record of 31 fights 2 wins and three (3) losses with 20 knockouts. Moses, born in June 1978, is the World Boxing Association (WBA) lightweight world champion who has a 100 professional record of 25-6 victories with 17 knockouts.

At the media briefing this week, Nestor Tobias, mentor, manager and promoter of Moses informed the media practitioners that the fight will take place early April but no particular date was set.

However, there is a probability the fight to be staged in Namibia on Gambia as a tricky side.

“Gambia is a relatively unknown team but have many players plying their trade of football in Europe, notably in Sweden, Denmark, Germany and Holland,” observes Santifiet.

Gambia beat Tunisia in their 2010 World Cup-cam Africa Cup of Nations’ qualification duel. They (Gambia) are ranked above Namibia in the recent (February 3) FIFA ranking.

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The qualifying campaign starts in September.

Togo was not part of the process after the Court of Arbitration for Sport denied its request to be provisionally included earlier this week.

The country was banned from the next two tournaments after it left last month’s edition followed by its own gaff that Sandro has provisionally taken over the helm of the team from the substantive coach Lucky Shidjuu to sort out the mess that he placed his players in the squad that re- sulted to poor performance.

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