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Tobias' entourage pays homage to State House

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK – Prominent local boxing promoter, manager and trainer Nestor “Sunshine” Tobias lead his entourage to pay a courtesy call to Namibia’s President Hifikepunye Pohamba at State House in Windhoek yesterday.

Tobias’ entourage consisted of the champion boxers he has mentored and nurtured through the years from humble beginnings to top echelon of world champions.

The Deputy Minister of Sport Pohamba Shifeta was also part of the high profiled delegation representing his line ministry while giving guidance to the entire associates.

The title holders and campaigners were Paulus “Hitman” Moses, Bethuel “Tyson” Uushona, Vikapita “Beast Master” Merero, Martin Haikali and Paulus “The Rock” Ambunda.

Tobias briefed the President about the achievements scored by boxing so far and the challenges that his boxing academy is encountered with. The boxing academy needs to expand to incorporate the youth in its boxing programme to groom the young ones. To solve this problem, said Tobias, “we need to a plot to

expand our academy”.

Namibia’s Head of State and Chairman of SADC comrade Pohamba said he has taken note of the problems encountered and expressed his sympathy with the academy.

Tobias also enlightened President Pohamba that the WBO Africa light heavyweight Merero is now ranked number five in the world and is soon to fight for WBO world champion title in Europe.

The current WBO Africa welterweight champion, Uushona is a now a mandatory challenger to the Commonwealth title that is due next year.

Accompanied by his wife Smile at the State House, The Hitman Moses, is now rated number three in the world and will still need another fight before he challenges Miguel Acosta who dethroned him in May this year. Moses has annihilated his challenger from Argentina last Thursday with a technical knockout (TKO) in the fourth round. He has gained his confidence back and nothing will stop him now to claim his title back next year. Tobias further informed him that Ambunda was named the best WBO Africa bantamweight boxer



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in the continent and is ranked number five in the world. The international boxing award was bestowed on Ambunda and Tobias in absentia in Colombia last

month. Ambunda has sustained injury to his right hand during last Thursday fight when he send his opponent from Zimbabwe four times before the referee stopped

the fight for TKO in the eighth round scheduled for 10.

Namibia’s son of the soil, Tobias, the number one promoter of WBO in Africa was eulogized

for staging, now, 17 WBO fights in Namibia out of 33 in the entire continent of Africa. This is no small feat for himself, the Land of the Braves and the nation at large.

Hitman leaves no stone unturned

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WINDHOEK – Former WBA world lightweight champion Paulus “Hitman” Moses made mince meat of his challenger, Sergio Priotti from Argentina in the main bout of the night last Thursday.

The Hitman made his presence felt as he blasted Priotti’s bleeding nose in the third round only to surrender at the end of the fourth round as his trainer throw in a towel for the referee to discontinue the fight that was scheduled for 10 rounds.

Moses made a great comeback to the ring after he lost his title against the reigning champion Miguel Acosta last year on May 29 in Windhoek, Namibia.

The fight was also witnessed by the Founding Father Dr Sam Nujoma and veteran politician Herman Toivo ya Toivo who enjoyed and delighted as Namibian pugilists were motivated by the presence of the two well respected but retired politicians.

When all these boxers paid a courtesy call to the Founding Father to seek blessings prior to their fights, Dr Nujoma advised them to fight and not give their opponents any chance to come back into the fight. The advice was executed to the letter and spirit. Truly so they all won their fights.

Virtually all Namibian boxers



Former WBA world lightweight champion Paulus “Hitman” Moses made mince meat of his challenger, Sergio Priotti from Argentina

won their fights even though not comfortably as their opponents put up brave fights.

Tyson Uushona won his tough fight against southpaw James

Kimori from Kenya on unanimous decision. Vikapita Merero send his opponent from Tanzania Joseph Marwa with a technical knockout (TKO) in the in the

sixth round.

In another fight of the night Paulus Ambunda performed to the letter and spirit of his trainer’s Nestor Tobias. Even though

Ambunda hurt his right hand in the fight, he didn’t give up he fought relentlessly like a wounded lion until he defeated his challenger from Zimbabwe Tawanda Chigweda by TKO in the eighth round after downing him thrice then send him reeling on the canvas for the fourth time. The referee stopped the fight as Chigweda’s legs were like spaghetti and could carry him through.

Jatoorora “The Sting” Tjingaveta made a great comeback to win the Zimbabwean-born Misheck Kondwane by unanimous decision.

The hard nut to crack Abmerk “Anakonda” Shidjuu knocked out

Tinashe Mutodza from Zimbabwe with a fierce right hook to the chin in 30 minutes of the first round.

Immanuel “The Prince” Naindjala was given the good run for the money by Tinashe Madziwana also from Zimbabwe who declared outright war against the undefeated Namibian. Naindjala, however, won by unanimous decision. Twice in round one and third rounds Madziwana was literally saved by the bell.

In a Namibian duel between Samuel “The Hammer” Kapapu versus Peter Malakia the former won by unanimous decision. The other Namibians fight saw Chris Ukelo winning with the majority decision over George Iyambo.

The Terminator versus Shakeboy fight is on

Namibia’s undefeated former two-time world champion Harry “The Terminator” Simon’s fight against Rashid “Shakeboy” Matumla from Tanzania is on for tomorrow in Windhoek.

The fight will be staged at the OK parking lot, opposite Kalahari Sands Hotel and Casino.

The fight has been sanctioned by Namibia Professional Boxing

Control Board (NPBWCB) and promoted by Onkuwo Promotion.

The 37-year-old Simon has an outstanding record of 25 fights without a loss. His opponent is 42 year-old and has 59 fights 45 wins and 14 loses. Tickets to the fight are available in Windhoek at the NPBWCB at BPI House on the fourth floor and go for N\$250 normal prize and N\$400 for VIP.

GATE FEES AT ALL NPL MATCHES

WINDHOEK - The Executive Committee of the Namibia Premier League at a meeting held on the 23 November 2010, resolved to inform the general public that during a meeting of the Board of Governors held on the 2 November this year, the Board of Governors issued a resolution (board resolution/02 Nov 2010), that addressed the issue of gate fees.

The NPL Executive Committee would like to distance itself from the fees charged by clubs that go against the above mentioned resolution.

The NPL Executive retaliates that the gate fees to NPL matches are set as follows: Adults: N\$ 20,00, Children : N\$ 10,00 and Car : N\$ 10,00

NPL members can set the charges for their VIP stand, based on added value that is provided. NPL members are urged to adhere to these tariffs as set by the highest authority of the league.

NPL CLUBS OFFICIALS COMPLETE FUTURO III ADMINISTRATION COURSE

A weeklong FIFA FUTURO III administration and management course, was hosted for club secretaries of the Namibia premier league from the 22 – 27 November 2010 alongside other regional representative of the Namibia Football Association, at the Midgard Country lodge, outside Windhoek. The weeklong course was aimed at equipping the participants from the twelve NPL Clubs with skills to be able to work with both the NPL Office but also to support the work of their clubs.

The officials represented were led by NPL Front Desk and Registration Officer Ms. Joanitha Gowases alongside Ms Jessica Maova (Eleven Arrows FC), Mr Best Karamata (African Stars FC), Ms Dagmar Rantsch (Civics FC), Ms Hermina Gaoases (Black Africa FC), Mr Knowledge Ipinge (Blue Waters FC), Mr Andre Gariseb (Orlando Pirates FC), Mr George Hauwanga (Oshakati City FC), Mr Marks Immanuel (Tigers FC), Mr Dino Ballotti (SKW). Log leaders Ramblers, and newly promoted PC Blue Boys and Mighty Gunners did not send representative.

“Our members can only move towards professionalisation if individuals are equipped with the necessary skills to be able to assist in the running of their clubs. This course should be seen as another step that the NPL is taking towards making sure that the members are able to deal with various stakeholders in the business environment in a professional manner”, said NPL CEO Mathew Haikali.

The course was sponsored by FIFA and was facilitated by five potential regional instructors including NFA Secretary General, Barry Rukoro