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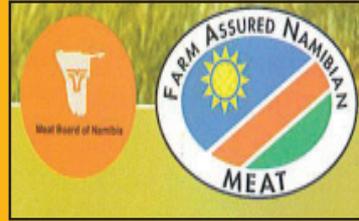
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## NBC Board faces tough challenges

**Kaapanda wants 'money-making, not loss-making' entity  
Chairman promises 'ruthless implementation' of turnaround strategy  
NBC's salary bill hits nearly N\$108 million per year  
Govt subsidy this year stands at N\$103 million**

By Staff Reporter

The new Board of the cash-strapped Namibian Broadcasting Corporation, NBC, has taken over the Corporation's administrative responsibility, an occasion which Information and Communication Technology Minister, Joel Kaapanda, described 'as smooth transition and handover.'

The new Board was inaugurated on Thursday at the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, and none among those who spoke had any illusion about the tough challenges that lay ahead.

While the Minister politely thanked the outgoing Board for a job well done during its tenure of office, he was quick to point out that the NBC had experienced management problems, misuse of resources and lack of strategic direction.

"Hence the task of the new Board will be to restructure and revamp the administration structures and procedures, staff recruitment and promotion, financial management system, procurement and asset manage-

ment," said Minister Kaapanda.

"This means that the new Board will require developing a turnaround strategy that will streamline the operations of the NBC. Despite the fact that the NBC has a well-established infrastructure that would enable it to generate adequate revenue for self sustenance, it continued to rely on Government funding."

Therefore, he added, through restructuring process, the new Board was tasked to improve efficiency and service delivery as well as to ensure that NBC became a profitable organization by strengthening its marketing unit.

Minister Kaapanda appealed to the NBC Board to ensure sta-

bility at the Corporation, high morale and conducive working environment that would improve individual performance of all staff members.

"I have no doubt in my mind that the Board I present to you today will deliver because it is a business Board, which comprised of eminent personalities with excellent business records behind them. They will run the NBC on business principles by turning it around from a loss-making into a profitable corporation," he said.

Outgoing Chairperson of the Board, Frieda Shimbuli, said the outgoing Board was leaving with pride, having completed its five-year term which came to an end this month. She



Outgoing Chairperson of the NBC Board, Frieda Shimbuli, right, handing over to the new Chairperson, Sven Thieme, left, while Information and Communications Technology Minister Joel Kaapanda, looks on. Photo by Levi Upula

said she was proud of the achievements made over the last five years, which she said should be credited to all NBC

staff members, and not to a single individual.

Among the achievements she had singled out were the

review of NBC's outdated policies on grievance, performance

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## Boxing marred by plagiarize tickets

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK – The nation is warned about fake tickets being sold on streets for the monumental fight of the WBA light-



Nestor "Sunshine" Tobias (trainer, manager and promoter of The Hitman), The Hitman (WBA lightweight champion), Acosta (Interim WBA champion), Teddy Singleton (Don King Promotions representative) and Orangel "Memin" Ramos (coach of Acosta) at the weigh in on Tuesday at the Windhoek Country Club Resort and Casino in Windhoek.

weight champion Paulus Moses who will defend his title in the city of Windhoek on May 29 in a showdown against WBA interim lightweight champion Miguel Acosta.

"There are fake tickets being sold on streets by some gangsters. Please do not buy any tickets for The Hitman/Acosta fight on the streets", warns Nestor Tobias.

Tobias has sent stern warn-

ings to all and sundry that those selling and/or buying fake tickets on streets to "stop that heinous act immediately or face the consequences with law".

"All tickets sold by individuals on streets are counterfeit. Please report anyone who sells these fake tickets to the police so that they can be apprehended and be dealt with by the law enforcement agencies".

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## Book bares Israeli nuclear arms deals with apartheid regime

By Bill Van Auken

Israel negotiated with South Africa for the sale of nuclear-armed missiles to the apartheid regime in the 1970s, according to a book published today. The revelation has surfaced at an inconvenient time for Washington as it campaigns for increased sanctions against Iran over Tehran's own nuclear program.

The new book, "The Unspoken Alliance: Israel's Secret Relationship with apartheid South Africa," was written by Sasha Polakow-Suransky, the senior editor at *Foreign Affairs*, a publication oriented to the American foreign policy es-



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tablishment. It has provided the first documentary evidence of

Israel's nuclear weapons program. These documents also demonstrate that the Zionist state was prepared to sell these weapons to a pariah regime that had engaged in repeated military attacks on its neighbors, while oppressing and waging unceasing state violence against its own black majority population.

The British *Guardian* Monday published the documents declassified by the South African government at Polakow-Suransky's request during his research on the book.

They include a formal request from the apartheid regime for

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