

# Opposition coalition is a trial and error strategy

By Cde. Sioni Aluta Iikela

Politics in Namibia is getting very interesting. In recent months just like previously, the talks of a strong coalition have popped up again. This has coincided with an asinine, short sighted, divisive and cacophonous article authored by one of the RDP leaders.

Apparently RDP is a mastermind behind this try and error project. I must be quick to men-

tion here that the idea of a coalition has been experimented in Namibia by DTA and UDF and others (I can't remember really all the parties involved because I was not interested in this worthless trial) with the aim to try and unseat the Mighty SWAPO Party from the government.

The coalition style is used worldwide by most failed leaders together with their failed parties. Just like what happened

in Britain recently, after the previous premier realized that he cannot get a required two-third majority the talk of coalition featured up and a coalition was formed subsequently.

Now let me take a critical analysis on the ongoing talks of a coalition that is reportedly going on in the opposition circle. It must also be noted that I have no interest on the goings of the opposition nor do I have a problem with their arrangements. I

just want my view to be heard as this will affect the lives of the electorates and the results of the next election in bad and or good way.

To start with the analysis, a prominent question to ask ourselves is: why a coalition now, and in whose interest? This coalition to me is a hatchery of some opposition to curb down the embarrassments and humiliation on their part from the electorates. These people knew too well that electorates will not buy their ideas and thus not going to vote for them.

After last year's Presidential and National Assembly elections, all the opposition parties realized that they have got no influence in the minds and hearts of the Namibian people. They (oppositions) noticed that they are moribund just like an old lion in the jungle without teeth in its mouth ambushing for a buffalo (as big as it is) only to realize that it is helpless and can't kill the meal.

They knew that if they are going to face another democratic battle of election independently they predict already where the victory going and they can't face that reality. The coalition that is being talked about by the oppositions is a tactic by this group to try and satisfy some people locally and somewhere.

I am saying this, because some of the opposition leaders have been saying openly that they are forming political parties to fortify and foster our democracy and our system of multi-party democracy, but now it became a forgotten theory. I am surprised that all of a sudden the people who claimed as stated above have resorted into coalitions. I must hasten to say that most of the opposition parties fall victims of being used by the RDP.

Think about what happened in Okahandja during the by-election in that town. Think about what happened during and after election last year, how many press conferences were made and in whose interest. Think about the DATABASE of RDP that was announced last year in their itinerary to formulate their shabby and scruffy kitchen cooked case to protest the results of the last

year's election.

The coalition in Namibia's opposition parties will never work and Namibians must not allow themselves to be used as swinging elements between parties. Coalition of any sort is just like a donkey cart without wheels, thus do not take the ride it will take you no where. Most of these parties do not share commonalities and their history of origins. Some parties such as Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA) once worked together with our oppressors hence its participation in a sort of an interim puppet government that was formed to lie to the world that there was an inclusive government in Namibia.

Think about Turnhalle in the DTA's name and a colonial building of Turnhalle. What does it tell? Keep the answer to yourself! Some parties are formed on tribal line such as UDF, NUDO; these two parties are led by chiefs of Damaras and Hereros respectively; and I am not saying all their tribal subjects are members of their political parties. Some parties emerged in the region and where formed to aspire the interests of certain tribes.

Some parties such as RDP were formed to cause confusions and havocs. Look at what RDP's chief administrator had to author in the Windhoek Observer newspaper about people from Omusati region. His article has the same sentiments as that of the man of God, Absai Shejvali. These two countrymen are implying that once RDP come on power Omusati region will be a forgotten island.

Now, how come CoD or APP for argument sake who do not have this in their mind, I believe, is going to be in a coalition with a party that will discriminate a certain region or will they also be convinced to follow suit. Some parties were formed by people who for long time have been aspiring to become president and have to group to become one.

Who will be the president? Who will elect this president? Whose party's manifesto and constitution will be followed? In democratic system members of political parties supposed to be involved in day-to-day programs and decisions of their

parties; are the members of oppositions informed about this or may be the oppositions decided to go RDP way of a president not consulting as one of its leaders have boosted at their rally last year?

Finally, coalition or no coalition SWAPO Party of Namibia's victory in the upcoming Regional and Local Authority election is not just certain but granted. The Namibian people have already spoken with a loving voice loud and clear last year when they voted the party for the people to grant it a well deserved and decisive victory.

Most if not all constituencies vehemently voted for SWAPO Party. The special acknowledgements must be given to the people of Kunene Region. The people of Kunene voted smartly, passionately and intelligently! If the last year election is anything to go by, that myself I believe affectionately, the Kunene Region governor has got no ground as his party was defeated by SWAPO Party in the Presidential and National Assembly election last year in the constituency where he (Governor) originate.

Time has come again this year that opposition's lives are unpredictable just like our rainfall which is highly unpredictable.

Time have come again this year that oppositions want to conceal their identity under the coalition as they cannot lonely stand the heat of not the kitchen this time around, but the heat of the election results.

Time has come again that oppositions are busy searching, searching just like chickens searching for the key to open the door to success while we, in SWAPO Party of Namibia are proudly shouting to the Namibian people that: "here is the key to rural development, youth empowerment and genuine development". The ball is in our hands as electorate and ours is to make sure we delivered by voting for SWAPO Party dazzling candidates in the Regional and Local Authority elections slated towards the end of this year.

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cowardice... well put.

## Comments

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♦ **Hobie Clark**  
Ngurare>I am multi-tolerant...I consult all the political parties if/when I find a reason for it! ;-)

♦ **Silver Silvanus**  
There will always be people like that "ENEMY of PROGRESS" it is a shame that understanding is not yet visualized in their minds! Julius Homateni Jurú Some demand tolerance with intolerant behaviour, unethical and

♦ **Silver Silvanus**  
Ha ha ha ha ha.....u can tell from their demands, the way they speak and the words they dish out that they missed elementary school. coz this is were u re taught the basics.

♦ **Lucia Hipondoka-Tuyapeni**  
Tjitunga Elijah Ngurare Thanks 4 the comments my Cdes! Lol, yes Hobie and that is fair enough....-) But most people who criticise SWAPO left, right n

centredo so unfairly. Some do so just because they hate SWAPO and some of its leaders. For example some former SWAPO Senior Leaders joined RDP purely because they hate Founding President not out of principles. Most Swapo critics including some media houses have little or no criticism to tribal opposition parties etc but SWAPO this and SWAPO that all day long. It is not enough to say "it is because SWAPO is a ruling party". We can accept criticism, yes, but we cant be silent when people just deliberately insult our

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