Opposition coalition is a trial and error strategy

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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 co-incided 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 mention 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-thirds majority the talk of coalition fea- tured up and a coalition was formed subsequently.

Now let me take a critical analysis on the ongoing talks of a coalition that is reportedly go- ing 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 but just want my view to be heard as this will affect the lives of the ones who have an interest. The talk of coalition to me is a hatchery of some opposition to curb down the embarrassments and hu- miliation on their part from the decisions of the people of Namibia.

As such, I am looking forward to see the coalition will not buy their ideas and thus not go to for voting.

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 with- out teeth in its mouth ambushing for a buffalo (as big as it is) only to realize that it is helpless and can’t kill and can’t eat the meat.

They knew that if they are going to face another demo- cratic battle of election inde- pendently they are in the region where the victory going and they can’t face that reality. The coalition that is being talked about by the oppositions is a tactic for them to try and satisfy some people locally and somewhere.

I am saying this because, some of the opposition lead- ers are just trying to open eyes so that they are forming political parties to fortify and foster democracy and our system of multi-party democracy, but now I am getting a foreboding 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 of the many polls in the last election year, how many press conferences were made and in whose interest.

Think of DATABASE RDP that was announced last year in their itinerary to formu- late their shabby and scufly kitchen cooked cake to protect the results of the last year’s election.

The coalition in Namibia’s opposition is a trial and error 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 heels, thus do ride it will take you no where. Most of these parties do not share commonalities and their history of origins. Some parties such as DTA, Shejavali, and RDP once worked together but now are in separate ways working together with their oppressors hence its participation in a sort of an in- terior puppet government that was formed to lie to the world that there was an inclusive gov- ernment in Namibia.

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Finally, coalition or no coalition SWAPO Party of Namibia’s victory in the up- coming Regional and Local Authority election is not just certain but granted. The DTA, Shejavali and others have spoken with a loving voice loud and clear last year when they voted the party for it to grant a well deserved and decisive victory.

Most if not all constituencies vehemently voted for SWAPO Party. The special acknowledgement 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, then I believe affectionately, the Kunene Reg- ion government has got no ground as his party was defeated by SWAPO in the Presidential and National Assembly elections last year in the constituency where he (Governor) originate.

Time has come again this year that oppositions lives are on the line. This is the time which the coalition as they cannot lonely stand the heat of the not kitchen this time around, but the heat of the election results.

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

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