

# In THE SPOTLIGHT this time is: A Namibian Political Satire



A recent workshop held at an exclusive local hotel, was billed to find strategies to reduce 2/3 majority of the SWAPO Party. In attendance were the usual RDP leaders and their supporters, but things soon took a different direction, read on.... The workshop opened with a prayer by

**Rudolf Kamburona:** Ladies and Comrades let us pray, dear God in heaven listen to our prayers. Man, some days we pray through sending you sms and to remind you about blessing us in the upcoming Presidential and National Assembly Elections and to reduce to 2/3 majority of Mighty SWAPO Party. Come now and give us hope to calculate our predictions of winning, not the one from IPPR, that one was dismissed as you know by Nambinga and ya Nangolo. Amen!

**First to take the floor is Phil yaNangolo**

**Ya Nangolo:** My name is Phil ya Nangoloh, yes the very one who is NSHR's Executive Director for life. I have been systematically monitoring the electoral process with the view to document any legally actionable instances of electoral fraud, unfairness and un-freeness. I am an expert election observer and analyst. Listen to me. I am also a political analyst and a leading Namibian human rights defender. I am the 2006 recipient of the Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) Freedom of Expression Award winner. I tried my best, I wanted to take Sam Nujoma to the ICC, I went to Angola and dug up bones of the dead, I facilitated the transfer of Congolese refugees straight into Botswana, the laws of Namibia or Botswana do not apply to me. So listen to me. But what else can we do, I tried my best to cause confusion in the country in order to make Hidipo Hamutenya, the president, I mean my president of Namibia and real father of the Nation. But, Swapo oya kindja. Now they built Engineering School and Medical School, aaye man. But wait

just a bit now thanks to our donor friends, NSHR has trained 120 human rights monitors whom we are sending all over Namibia with clear purpose, we know the purpose, I can assure RDP that much, now we are training 60 more to ensure that even if SWAPO wins, and we have no doubt it will, but at least the outcome must be tainted in favour of RDP, amen!

**Phillemon Kanime:** My name ish Phillemon Kanime, I wash Direktor of ECN, I wash count the resulta of elections and wash work very good. But I wash not know why the people wash laugh at me and say I cannot count. Why they tell me I must count big numbers. That wash rigging, Shiwapo was get too big number, that wash rigging, you hear, it was rigging, we must



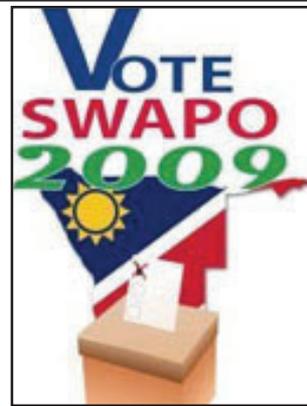
not allow Namprint to get the tender, the numbers will be even bigger, I wont it properly. Oh sorry I no longer in ECN, aye that is not good, but I have friends inside, yes, yes but not sure if they count well. The Director of ECN now is a SWANU member, but I know some are RDPonly may be cleaners are SWAPO members



in ECN, this time will fix them, he, he, ha..ha..aha...

Musical interruption (screaming like a frog was Kaseven and joined by Steven Mvula) singing the rhythm of Sema Ou lipeni, but were quickly reminded it must be Hidipo ou lipeni).

**Hidipo Hamutenya:** Viva Manneetje! (there was silence



in the hall) oh I mean Viva RDP, he corrected himself! (there was a sigh of relief in the hall)...eh eh eeh,,, comrades we are about to win hey just wait a little bit, some people say I fainted recently, uhm it was my birthday you see, I was very happy before I knew it there were angels all over me but they told me it was not my time. You see it was only a missed call from heaven. The RDP is supposed to win but the SWAPO chief Sam Nujoma is a problem. I want to hear today how we can win. The other day I received good report that our brochures are reaching the schools and many of our database is growing. Dont worry just recruit even if they dont vote for us we must just have a good database. Dont forget the strategies of our Nyamu Notes. Our friends in the media, human rights organisation and those still inside the ECN and Swapo are helping us although they endure humiliation from

the indiscipline SPYL. It is possible to reduce SWAPO 2/3 majority, I don't know how. I want to give the floor to Steven Bezuidenhout to give us the winning strategy.

**Steven Bezuidenhout:** baie dankie my geagte president van die RDP, I am not sure why u gave me the floor, which strategy or for that matter a winning strategy, this no longer possible. Remember u told me that you had convinced the four O's to join RDP that is why I joined you. I joined RDP because of that assurance. But we lost in Eenhana, Omuthiya and Tobias Hainyeko Constituency I dont see any winning strategy capable of reducing 2/3 majority for SWAPO. The so-called Nyamu Notes is a complete failure. The only person of high standing who joined us Mike Kavetora but all Permanent Secretaries and some two or three Ministers whom were told will join us have not done so. In my opinion and this is my honest opinion as Vice President of this project or sorry I mean political party which is dreaming to become a ruling party, let us wake up from this dream because SWAPO just like friend Jonathan Cobra said "is here to stay". Our realistic hope is to become an official opposition. It is better we campaign vigorously for that. I am sorry my

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## TRUE OR FALSE

Meatco's price structure for cattle north of the Veterinary Cordon Fence (VCF) is different from those south of the VCF.

True

False

**Meatco uses a UNIFORM pricing structure for ALL PRODUCERS in Namibia, whether they're communal farmers (north and south of the VCF), emerging farmers or commercial farmers.**

Carcass pricing is derived from market prices achieved for Meatco products sold into all markets. Carcass prices are based on the different grades (quality) of cattle delivered to Meatco as determined by the Namibian National Grading system administered by Meat Board inspectors at each of Meatco's export abattoirs including Oshakati and Katima Mulilo. This is a national grading system and not a Meatco grading system.

Eg. A farmer selling a B2 graded animal in Oshakati will get the same price as a farmer who sells a B2 graded animal at Okahandja, Windhoek or Katima Mulilo (given that the weight is the same). This is despite the fact the meat from the NCA does not enter any of high value markets e.g. EU and most recently the RSA.

As is internationally the case, younger and good quality carcasses will get better prices than older, leaner and light weight carcasses. This same principle

applies in Namibia at all Meatco abattoirs. Additional contract premiums have been paid in the past to ALL producers who have entered into supply agreements with Meatco and who performed against those agreements.

Meatco has been paying an ADDITIONAL 50c/kg to all producers in the Northern Communal Areas (NCA) above the base price, even when they did not have supply agreements with Meatco. The NCA producers had thus had an additional benefit of 50c/kg above commercial, emerging and communal producers south of the VCF.

Meatco's cattle prices have been the highest in the Southern African Region for years. Last year alone, Meatco paid ALL PRODUCERS who slaughtered with Meatco a total of N\$ 183 million above the equivalent South African prices. (verified by external auditors for 2007 & 2008)

In conclusion: although the beef products produced in the NCA are not exported to the European Union (as a result of the Veterinary status of the area), producers in these regions are paid the same price, cent for cent, for their products as those producers farming south of the VCF. NCA producers are therefore subsidised heavily by Meatco and producers south of the VCF - NCA producers benefit directly from the profits made by Meatco in the European Union.

**The price list is published weekly in most Namibian newspapers and on the Meatco website.**

