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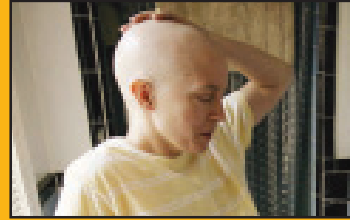
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President Hifikepunye Pohamba inspecting the Guard of Honour at Luderitz Bay Sports Stadium to commemorate Heroes Day on Thursday.

President calls for unity as Namibians commemorate Heroes Day in Karas Region

By Staff Reporter

President Hifikepunye Pohamba has called on Namibians to unite and honour the Policy of National Reconciliation as Namibians in their thousands commemorate Heroes Day, August 26.

That is a day on which combatants of the then South West Africa Liberation Army, SWALA, the forerunner to the People's Liberation Army of Namibia, PLAN, fired the first shots in 1966 in northwestern Namibia, marking the start of the armed liberation struggle that would bring about Namibia's independence 23

years later. PLAN was SWAPO's military wing in exile, which spearheaded the armed struggle that complemented the political and diplomatic fronts waged by SWAPO through its three-pronged strategy to bring about Namibia's independence. The

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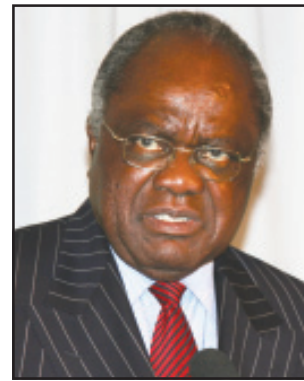
President grants parole and frees some prisoners

By Staff Reporter

President Hifikepunye Pohamba used Heroes Day on Thursday to grant pardon and relieve to certain categories of prisoners, a gesture which he said was meant to give them a second chance to become responsible and law-abiding Namibians.

The first category included prisoners who are serving sentences of two or less, and who have served one half or more of their sentences. The second category includes prisoners who are serving sentences of two or less but have not served one half of their sentences, who should first serve such one half.

The third category includes prisoners who are 60 years old or older and have maintained good discipline in prison and they are not likely to pose a risk to society when released. The fourth and last category includes prisoners whose conditional release or parole has been approved on or before 26 Au-



President Hifikepunye Pohamba

gust 2010. It is not yet known how many prisoners will benefit from the Presidential parole, but the President said that full details would be reflected in the

Proclamation which would be published in the Government Gazette. The Prison Department in the Ministry of Safety and Security is now busy identifying prisoners who have met the criteria for pardon and relieve.

President Pohamba said that the pardon he had granted did not apply to prisoners who were convicted and sentenced to jail for murder, attempted murder, rape, assault causing grievance bodily harm, robbery with aggravating circumstances, illegal conveyance of or supply of dependence-pro-

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New Polytechnic Council members inaugurated

By Asser Ntinda

New members of the Council of the Polytechnic of Namibia who were recently appointed by Cabinet were inaugurated on Wednesday to oversee and manage the affairs of the Polytechnic for the next three years.

The term of the old members of the Council expired early this month and new ones had to be appointed. Only two members, Niilo Taapopi, from the City of Windhoek and Dr Louis Burger, from the Farmers Union, were retained from the old Council. The Rector and the



Rector of the Polytechnic, Dr Tjama Tjivikua, and Education Deputy Minister, Dr David Namwandi during the inauguration of the new Council on Wednesday. Photo by Asser Ntinda.

Vice Rector are automatic members of the Council.

Deputy Minister of Education, Dr David Namwandi, who

inaugurated the new Council members said that the government and the public at large expected more from them, adding that cooperation between the Council and the Management of the Polytechnic was imperative to make the Institution successful.

"Your work has just started," he said. "We have high expectation from this Council. We believe that you will be on the ball. You must know that Polytechnic is a dynamic institution. The Council must keep it like that.

"We expect the Council to set the tempo and lead by example,

demonstrating integrity, commitment and determination which people will remember you for. If anything goes wrong, the entire Council will be held responsible and accountable for that."

Council members will also be part of the committees which are tasked with serious responsibilities. Key ones are the Committee on Remuneration and Nomination, which looks into labour issues and conditions of employment and the Risk and Audit Committee, which checks and oversees the budget and financial statements

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