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"My decision to join RDP was ill-conceived" Rooi

By Asser Ntinda

The future of the Rally for Democracy and Progress, RDP, and that of the Congress of Democrats, CoD, in the Karas Region has been dealt a fatal blow last week-end with the defection of their top officials to SWAPO Party, three week before Namibians go to vote in the regional and local authority elections at the end of this month.

The move by the two officials has dangerously weakened the two parties' chances to win seats in the coming regional and local authority elections. SWAPO Party Youth League Secretary, Cde Elijah Ngurare, said the two parties



Camarada Elijah Ngurare

were finished and stood no chance of swinging the coming elections in the favour.

RDP's Regional Coordinator for Karas Region, Joseph Rooi, and CoD's Regional Coordina-

tor in the same region, Arnold Losper, walked over to SWAPO on Monday in the embracing hands of the upbeat Ngurare.

The two men crossed over to SWAPO Party with their family members, promising to bring back more members to SWAPO Party whom they had recruited to join RDP and CoD in the past.

"RDP and CoD are finished," said Cde Ngurare. "Their backbones have been broken. These are just political cockroaches. They have nothing to offer. Look at them in the National Assembly, they just go there go there and sit, they say nothing.

"We are ready to hammer

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Comrades Arnold Losper and Joseph Rooi who rejoined SWAPO Party last Monday.

Born-free says she will vote for SWAPO

By Levi Upula

A born-free SWAPO Party activist in Greenwell Matongo Settlements in Windhoek has appealed to all the youth, especially those who were born after independence to vote wisely – vote for SWAPO Party.

Rejoice Eliazer addressed a SWAPO Party rally in Samora Machel Constituency, saying that she had no doubt in her mind as to where she would put



Born-free Rejoice Eliazer addressing a SWAPO Party rally in Windhoek. Photo by Levi Upula.

the cross when Namibians go to the polls later this month, and

urged all the youth in the country to do the same, vote for SWAPO Party.

She praised the fathers and mothers who waged the armed struggle and freed the country so that today's youth could enjoy and had time to go to school without being harassed or intimidated. She said those parents did not enjoy their youth-hood, nor did they have time to go to school.

"It is therefore important that

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Unions divided over GIPF saga

NAPWU calls on NUNW to call off marches

By Asser Ntinda

The National Union of Namibian Workers, NUNW, and the Namibia Public Workers Union, NAPWU, are on a coalition course over the way the scandal bedeviling the Government Institutions Pension Fund, GIPF, should be dealt with and sorted out.

While NUNW is calling for a peaceful march by civil servants next Wednesday, NAPWU has distanced itself and it's members from taking part in what it called an "ill-advised and irresponsible" decision that would compromise national interest, security and stability.

On Thursday, NUNW issued an unsigned one page press release inviting civil servants and other workers to take part in the planned demonstration and express their concern over the

N\$660 million pension squandered through dubious deals.

The march is planned to start at 08:00 am from Government Office Park next week Wednesday and march through Independence Avenue up to the Office of the Prime Minister, where a petition would be handed over to Prime Minister Nahas Angula.

NAPWU on the other hand also called an urgent press conference on Thursday to make its position known, saying that such planned marches were counterproductive, as government had already committed itself to investigating the matter through the Office of the Prime Minister.

"While NAPWU does not condone any mismanagement of public resources through any dubious means, it shall also not allow itself to be misled to compromise national interest, security and stability," said a Napwu statement.

"It is against this background and in reiteration of our previ-

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SWAPO Party members dancing and prancing at a SWAPO Party rally in Windhoek. Photo by Levi Upula.

Correction:

In our last edition, we referred to Councilor Henok Kankoshi as Councilor for Onayena Constituency. He is in fact Councilor for Onyaanya Constituency in Oshikoto Region. We regret the error. Editor.

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