



These kids struggled and hiked from Luderitz to Aus, some 130 kilometers, to attend a SWAPO Party rally addressed by SPYL Secretary Cde Elijah Ngurare. They shared their views with Cde Ngurare on how they struggled and succeeded to get a hike.

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them in the upcoming elections. Our objective and primary purpose now is campaigning for 100 per cent of the SWAPO Party in Keetmanshoop local authority elections as well as in all 107 constituencies and 13 regions. The opposition must get zero percent. This requires that we place the interest of

SWAPO Party above individual interest."

Cde Rooi, who joined SWAPO Party 1982 told the rally that a decision he took in 2007 to join RDP was ill-conceived and, having seen what he had seen in RDP, he was not proud about it at all. He said that even though he had been an RDP leader in the Karas Region for the past few years, his passion for SWAPO Party's

aims and objectives had never diminished for historical reasons.

"As a consequence of my personal experience in a political party other than SWAPO Party, I am more magnetized to the aims and objectives as outlined in the SWAPO Party Constitution, and the agenda of developing this country is being vigorously pursued by the SWAPO Party government,"

while serving in those structures?

"We the born-frees and youth in general should not be fooled by such hypocrites. We should therefore vote for SWAPO to show our appreciation for what the SWAPO Party government has done for us as Namibians."

She said that the government had done a lot by building roads, building schools and clinics, investing in education and health, passing laws which protect them, maintaining peace and stability. She added that the youth should take the lead in shaming those failing politicians by voting for SWAPO Party, as they did in the last National Assembly and Presidential elections.

"Let us shame them by proudly maintaining that the freedom that we are enjoying today came about because of the SWAPO Party and nothing else. I shall vote for no other party than SWAPO Party, for it is the only politically tested party in this country and we will continue to have maturity as

said Cde Rooi.

He said that the impediments that which prompted his resignation had been extensively discussed with the SWAPO Party's leadership at all levels and his coming back to his first political roof was taken voluntarily and accepted as such by the Party's leadership.

"SWAPO Party is the only party that has from its inception stage had the agenda to free this country from colonial rule and to instill democracy," he said. "It is the only party that has maintained peace and tranquility. It is the only party that has set the development agenda until 2030. It is the only party that has a proven track record for democratic governance.

"I know that many people have joined RDP because I have recruited them. I will come back to you for us to relook and re-think our conviction at the time. Let us be realistic on the basis of our recent experiences. SWAPO Party is the only party that will lead us to prosperity."

He said that some people were quick to blame the SWAPO Party government for lack of development in towns like Keetmanshoop, but voters had never given SWAPO Party an absolute majority to control local authority councils. He also

called on opposition politicians whom he said were confusing people to stop doing so in the national interest.

"It is therefore safe to conclude that the control of Keetmanshoop has all along been in the hands of the opposition in terms of majority rule despite the fact that Keetmanshoop, had several SWAPO mayors," he said.

"It is therefore my appeal, particularly to the youth, the born-frees to vote for SWAPO Party during the upcoming elections. I call on all the people of Keetmanshoop and the region to become visible in the SWAPO Party activities and vote for SWAPO."

Cde Losper, who said he had been a loyal member of CoD for the past 15 years, described his recent recall by CoD from the Keetmanshoop Municipal Council as "unreasonable and unconstitutional." Cde Losper became CoD's national chairman in 2006 and was the mayor of Keetmanshoop until his recent recall.

He said he had worked hard for CoD to get votes from the Kronlein Community during 2004 local authority elections, thus enabling CoD to win two seats in the Keetmanshoop Council.

"Visionless leadership from the Party President and some of his close allies caused a dramatic decline of CoD party support in Keetmanshoop," he said. "It is safe to say that there is no CoD in Keetmanshoop."

"On the contrary, the SWAPO Party has been the only political party that can develop and lead this country. The SWAPO Party has a proven track record which dates back to the days of the liberation struggle. I have therefore come to the decision to officially join the SWAPO Party effective from today."

He, too, called on the Keetmanshoop community, especially the Kronlein Community to vote for SWAPO Party during the upcoming regional and local authority elections. SWAPO Party, he said, was the only party that had the interest of all the people at heart.

"If the recent media reports and remarks made about the coloured community of Keetmanshoop and the subsequent actions taken by CoD President Ben Ulenga were anything to go by, it is clear that there is no place for the people of Kronlein in the CoD. Only one party can embrace and recognize and unite all the cultures."

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we the born-frees show our appreciation for what SWAPO has done for all the people by voting for SWAPO Party during the coming regional and local authority elections," said Eliazer.

"I want to encourage all the born-frees and youth in general to vote for the SWAPO Party because it is the only true political party in this country and the rest are just political projects formed by self-centered and power hungry politicians.

"Some of the failing politicians are busy mobilizing and recruiting the born-frees and the youth in general by claiming that SWAPO has lost its vision. Many of these failing politicians, who are today accusing SWAPO Party of having 'lost its vision' have been serving in SWAPO Party structures and government. Why? Could they not state that SWAPO Party has lost its vision for the country



Deputy Minister, Cde Peter Ilonga leading SWAPO Party members into songs at a rally in Windhoek last weekend. Photo by Levi Upula.

always.

"So, let us vote for peace, justice and democracy by voting for the SWAPO Party in

the coming regional and local authority elections. SWAPO Party is the house for all those who believe in its aims and ob-

jectives."

The main speaker at the rally was Cde Peter Ilonga, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Water

and Forestry, who called on all the people to cast their votes for SWAPO Party.

He said there were many development plans in the pipeline for the people to enjoy the fruits of freedom and independence, which they fought for and brought about.

"Let us win all the constituencies in the country," he said. "Let us make the development plans of the SWAPO Party government known to everybody so that people vote for SWAPO party candidates.

"Let all the constituencies in Khomas Region be won by SWAPO Party. Let all the seats in the Windhoek Municipality, and all the other municipalities in the country, be won by SWAPO Party," said Deputy Minister Ilonga.

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ous position on this matter, that NAPWU herewith wishes to distance itself from such planned so-called public protests at this stage.

NAPWU herewith wishes to call upon all civil servants and peace loving Namibians to avoid being misled and to refrain from partaking into this irresponsible and ill-timed so-called public protest."

NAPWU said it could not remember any NUNW meetings, be it the Executive Committee or the Central Executive Committee, which had been called to discuss such public protests.

NAPWU also assured civil servants that it stood by its decision to allow government to conduct a thorough forensic



NUNW General Secretary, Evilastus Kaaronda

audit into the matter and to take further actions accordingly, based on the outcome of the forensic audit.

It added that the union had full trust and confidence in President Hifikepunye Pohamba and his cabinet, adding that the forensic audit would provide all the



NAPWU General Secretary, Peter Nevonga

necessary information to enable government to take appropriate action.

And the law should take its course against anybody who was found guilty or implicated, said the union body. NAPWU has also told NUNW central executive committee to take the

necessary steps to cancel the planned protests.

This week, Secretary to Cabinet, Frans Kapofi, wrote a letter to all permanent secretaries warning that no leave should be granted to civil servants who want to take part in the planned protests.

In the letter, Kapofi said that civil servants wishing to take part in such protests should do so during their free hours. On Wednesday, there was a high level meeting to discuss the GIPF saga, to which NUNW General Secretary, Evilastus Kaaronda, was invited but did not show up.

As the situation stands now, it looks highly unlikely that the protests would ever take place, especially after government had already intervened and frozen any further GIPF loans until investigation was over.

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