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THE ‘REGIME CHANGE’ DOCTRINE INTRODUCTION

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My brother Maruma from the Southern Time sister newspaper warned the Namibians to watch out for the west’s hand in elec-
tion when they vote in Novem-
ber. The question is: Should Namibians take Maruma’s advice seriously? I believe any precedent of that doctrine and any material and circumstantial evidence sug-
gest that it might happen here? Before we embark on our topic, let us first look at the theoretical framework of critical thinking. According to Waghid (2000:27) one of the most imme-
EDIATE challenges confronting us is the establishment of a democratic ethos critical discourse and criti-
cal thinking, cultural tolerance, and a commitment to a non-sex-
ist and non-racist social order. Critical thinking involves more than conceptual clarity. It involves
imagination and insight requiring a sharpened eye to distinguish what is from what ought to be. It is in this sense that it is liberating from the possibility of being no more than an unaware pawn in the system of written, printed and spoken words. It allows to recog-
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cal concept and to question as-
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I- THE IRANIAN AND ZIMBABWEAN CASE
A- The Iranian Case

The New Era’s editorial of June 26 2009, lucidly exposed the case of Iran and Zimbabwe. The Anglo-Saxon world immediately became apologetic, irrevocably taking the side of the former white landowners. To hoodwink its readers and view-
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B- The Zimbabwean Case

Olley Maruma from the sister newspaper of Southern Times once wrote that “when Zimbabwe’s land reform programme and black empower-
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II- CALCULATED STRATEGIES TO DELIGHTISME ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA

Maruma wrote again that “...as the philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein observed, the most important issue in philosophy in a post Marxist world is the mean-
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