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nation. When the PM wrote an article about the country 'at a political cross road' under the name of 'citizenAngula', I decided to write to corroborate his version of the story.

Indeed, "God is not a man that he should lie, nor a son men that he should change his mind; once he speak, he acts and once he promises, he fulfills and it shall come to pass" (Numbers 23:19-20). What I saw came to pass as in Deuteronomy 18:21-22. Habakkuk 2 says: "I will give you my message in the form of a vision. Write it clearly enough to be read at a glance.

At the time I have decided, my words will come true. You can trust what I say about the future". It may take a long time, but keep waiting - it will happen! In Jeremiah 1:4 the Lord said: "Jeremiah, I am your creator, and before you were born, I chose you to speak for me to the nations." I replied, "I'm not a good speaker, Lord, and I'm too young". "Don't say you are too young", the Lord answered. "If I tell you to go and speak to someone then go! And when I tell you what to say, don't leave out a word..." Isaiah 42:9 says "see, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you and Isaiah 44:8 says "do not tremble, don't be afraid. Did I

not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses".

As for those we are told to listen to, I advice the author to read Joel 2:28 and Job 32:6-11 and 33:14-17 that say "It is the spirit in man that gives understanding. It is not only the old who are wise and understand what is right, therefore I say listen to me; I will tell you what I know. I waited while you spoke; I listened to your reasoning..." Indeed, "God does speak though man may not perceive it. In a dream, in a vision of the night..."

Yes, perhaps I am 'a rented mouth' but certainly of the one who called me more than ten years ago saying "Paul, Paul" and asked me if I read the book

to the Corinthians and I inquired "which chapter and verse, even 1 Corinthians 1:1a?" and he answered "yes" which reads "From Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus..."? Of course there are those who will brush this aside as pure hogwash, opium of the masses, indoctrination and hallucinations of false prophets of doom and what have you. What else can one expect from those who see everything entirely from a euro-centric and world's perspective and rely solely on their own understanding?

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Plan commander was telling me how they were saved many a times by a young man who was 'a seer'. I simply understand an apostle to be a simple servant as a messenger from the Greek word apo-stellô etymologically meaning 'send forth'. True to the commission, as written in Isaiah 6:8, that says; "is there anyone I can send? Will someone go for us?" "I will go", I answered, "Send me!" and as if by coincidence my article was published on Friday the 2nd May 2008, the day I left my post after spending 12 full years at that post.

I said it and keep saying it again "let's build" this nation! President Pohamba also reiterated this clarion call for the nation to maintain unity, peace and stability by building this country and fighting tribalism, racism, ethnicity and all other evils in our society. The President also confirmed my prognostic that the country is on the right track and that despite a recent global financial crisis, we managed to weather the storms under the able leadership of the governing SWAPO-Party.

It is my humble belief that we should not allow differences of nationality, class, ethnic membership, gender, religious and party's affiliations to erect barriers between us and our fellow human beings.

We should recognize humanity wherever it occurs, and give its fundamental ingredients, reason and moral capacity, our first allegiance and respect. To be a citizen of the world one does not need to give up local identifications, which can frequently be a source of great richness in life. We should think of ourselves not as devoid of local affiliations, but as surrounded by a series of concentric circles

based on ethnic, linguistic, historical, professional, gender, political and religious identities. Outside all these circles is the largest one, that of humanity as a whole. Our task as citizens of this country will be to "draw the circles somehow toward the center" (Stoic philosopher Hierocles), making all human beings more like our fellow city dwellers, and so on. In other words, we should work to make all Namibians part of our community of dialogue and concern, base our political deliberations on that interlocking commonality, and give the circle that defines our humanity and nationality a special attention and respect.

As surely as I saw that eagle that saved the lamb from snakes and wild dogs as eloquently elaborated by King David in Psalm 18, I say once again loud and clear "let's build" this nation! I am not saying this as a dry leaf, scared by the blowing wind because of some dead woods and arrogant unrepentant rebels including those who wanted to shoot at the messenger. I was born an African, my children are Africans and I will die an African-Namibian! I am not afraid of those who can kill the flesh but not the spirit. Besides, they can't kill a dead man who resurrected from the dead and is seated at the father's right hand! If I am a rented mouth and a propaganda tool as alleged by the author, why is he/she shooting at the messenger? If I am what he/she says I am then I am a send forth rented mouth and a progressive tool and it will be interesting to find out whose rented mouth is the author; a rented devil's advocate perhaps?

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AU welcomes release of kidnapped peacekeepers in Sudan

ADDISABABA, — The African Union (AU) on Wednesday welcome the release of the four South African Police Advisers who were kidnapped on 11 April 2010 in Darfur, Sudan.

In a statement released to media, Jean Ping, the chairperson of the AU Commission, expressed his gratitude to the Government of Sudan and to the United Nations-African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) for their relentless efforts which have resulted in the safe release of the kidnapped peacekeepers.

He appeals, once again, to all the Sudanese people to facilitate the work of UNAMID by cooperating with it in its endeavor to contribute to-

wards finding a peaceful solution to the Darfur crisis. He further reminds the perpetrator that kidnapping peacekeepers will not discourage them from discharging their duties of protecting defenseless civilians in the war-torn Darfur but rather than prolong the suffering of their own people, the statement said.

Ping also pays tribute to the recent agreement between the government of the Sudan and UNAMID in which the two parties pledged to work together to improve on the security environment in Darfur and to encourage them to fully implement them, the statement said. (Xinhua)