The Government of the Republic of Namibia wishes the Namibian Nation Good Will during the Celebration of the Constitution Day

Namibia is one of the democratic countries in the world, following its independence on 21 March 1990 and the adoption of one of the most democratic constitutions in the African continent and abroad. To pay homage to the value of democratic principles, Namibia has designated 9 February as the observance of the Constitution Day - a day for Namibians to celebrate democracy.

The day is aimed at reminding Namibians of the importance to abide by the democratic principles in respect to building, maintaining and sustaining the democratic institutions through which human rights are advanced and promoted.

To observe this day, Namibians are called upon to work hard to ensure sufficient and quality production of goods and services so that the country rids itself of poverty, ignorance and diseases.

Through their participation in the Government’s National Development Plans (NDPs) with the aim to contribute towards the achievement of Vision 2030, an industrialised and prosperous nation will be born.

The President urged all residents to refrain from criminal activities and dedicate their time and energies to constructive activities such as sports and community economic projects to generate more income.

“This message should also be heard loudly and clearly by the youth, as for those to stay away from the social evils of alcohol and drug abuse, irresponsible sexual activities and all other forms of conduct that can ruin their lives,” said President Hifikepunye Pohamba.

He appealed to the Police and the communities to cooperate by creating sound community policing structures, as this would lead to successful investigations by the Police and eventually the detection and arrest of criminals, which would allow the criminal justice system to take its course.

Rosh Pinah has been a settlement for many years and policing services were provided by the Aus Police Station, some 160km away. With the opening of the Scorpion Zinc Mine in 2002, the town experienced increased economic activities. Its population now stands at 15 000 people.

The President will be stationed here to work with dedication and commitment in order to root out crime and to maintain law and order as well as the rule of law at all times,” said the President. “All forms of criminal behaviour must be stamped out.”

South Sudan minister shot dead

JUBA/KHARTOUM, — Minister of Cooperatives and Rural Development in south Sudan government Jimmy Lemi was shot dead in his office in Juba, capital of south Sudan, on Wednesday, a local correspondent told Xinhua.

An armed man stormed into the minister’s office and shot him and his bodyguard dead, the correspondent said.

He added that preliminary information indicated that the attacker, who is a relative of the murdered minister, worked as a driver for him in the ministry.

No motive was immediately clear for the attack, which happened just days after the referendum results confirmed that the oil-rich south Sudan will become Africa’s newest independent state.

The final results of southern Sudan’s independence referendum held last month were announced Monday, with over 98 percent of southerners voting for secession.

The week-long referendum, which started on Jan. 9, was the core of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement signed by the north and the south in 2005 to end their two-decade civil war.

Four killed, dozens injured in clashes in south Egypt

CAIRO, — Four people were killed and dozens were injured in clashes between protesters and police in Egypt’s New Valley area, state media said Wednesday.

According to eyewitnesses, police fired gun shots at protesters in the oasis town of El Kharga, south of Cairo.

Provincial security chief Abdallah Saeq has been sacked and will be interrogated over recent incidents, state-run MENA news agency reported.

Mass anti-government protests entered their 16th day on Wednesday despite the ruling National Democratic Party’s political reforms measures and ongoing dialogue between the government and opposition groups.

Egypt’s Muslim Brotherhood insists no dialogue without departure of regime

CAIRO, — Egypt’s Muslim Brotherhood, the country’s largest and officially banned opposition bloc, said on Wednesday that it insists no dialogue without departure of the regime.

The group said it won’t have a genuine national dialogue and it just “wants Egypt to be ruled by freedom and democracy.”

Egypt’s mass protests entered the 16th day on Wednesday.

Thousands of people remained in downtown Cairo’s Tahrir Square.

The government said it had dialogue with the opposition parties or youth groups for a road map of peaceful transition.