

LETTERS/OPINIONS

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public, unlike him or her who is using the paper to attack me without disclosing his/her true identity. It reveals that his/her expertise is overwhelmingly on spotting the pecks on other people's eyes while ignoring a log on his/her own.

I am not saying the writer of the said letter is wrong in his/her observation, but it depend very much on what informed his/her observations and from which angle of perspective. Since he/she wants to take a serious look at me, I would equally return the same favour to evaluate his/her comments. He /she displayed his/her expertise on a wrong premise. Let me quote his/her misinformation which he/she seemed not to have checked before writing "I was made to believe that a person who has studied to a doctor or obtained a PhD qualification has mastered the subject matter which includes political science, economics ba-

sic international and national laws". The first question I want ask is who made him/her to believe that? I have not heard a person studying towards a PhD in multiple fields Political science, economics, basic international and national laws at the same time.

I am interested to know which University does offer that and where on earth or is it in Heaven? To my knowledge a doctorate or PhD qualification is obtained after a candidate has undertaken and presented a suitable body of original academic research on any field (political science, mathematics, economics e.tc) narrowed to the research topic in which he/she has to demonstrate and contribute to academic knowledge by defending the his/her thesis on a problem his/her research. I have done that and if the writer has chosen to trap him/herself in a perpetual cocoon of denial then that is his/her choice. He/she went on further to state that "Dr. Horn was exemplary in his analytical arguments". Yes I do not dispute that, but he/she or

displayed lack of understanding or rather to say had misguided expectations on my use of the word "layman". If I used the word layman it does not translate in a declaration of myself being a non-entity. I do not claim to have absolute knowledge and solution to all problems, but the writer should be cautioned not to set him/herself in cocoon of delusion to underestimate my knowledge on the field of my study. I do not need to dwell in the definition of layman. I used the word to respond to the question and since I did not study law I am indeed a layman when it comes to legal technicalities. A person with a legal background can also be a layperson in other fields like medicine except in rare situations, where a person has technical expertise in many fields, which might be humanly possible, but not very common. Yes I have a doctorate in International Relations and Diplomacy, but not in Law. I have also served as a diplomat in London, Paris and Ha-

vana and have never been political biased, but true to my conscience. That should not be shocking to anybody, but only a person with lack of understanding or with misguided expectations. The write seemed to have a problem with my appearance rather than what I say. I will continue to exist until the divine power decides to recall me, this I will do without any hesitation or fear. I challenge the writer to substantiate unequivocally clear any issue or point of view which in his/her opinion I misrepresented. As human being we are all endowed by the creator with certain inalienable rights, if I am to quote from the preamble to the US Constitution drafted (preamble) by Thomas Jefferson. I am well aware that what one might say may not be pleasing to everybody, but then it could probably be that the person who is not pleased is either ignorant of the point under emphasis or has subjective views with the potentials to blind his/her perspective on the subject matter. To which category the

writer falls is only him/herself knows and the rest is left to others to judge his/her writings and my response to that effect.

Well I am a member of the SWAPO-Party Think-Tank and I am not ashamed of it, but only thing I want to draw the attention of the writer of that letter is that I did not apply for the membership. If he/she has any doubt on my Think-Tank membership suitability then he or she must approach the SWAPO-Party Headquarter to demand my removal. One thing I want to make it very clear is that I refuse to be blackmailed into silence, I will continue to air my view not matter how imperfect they are, after all is it not what democracy is all about? Is it crime for a person to be a Think-Tank member and should he not express his views just because he belongs to the Think-Tank? Article 21 more specially, subsection (b), (e) and (j) entitles all citizens and inhabitants of Namibia to inalienable rights of fundamental freedom and that include me with all my human flaws.

What does the writer meant by "can we afford to financially breastfeed his party at our expense? Well I do not receive any pay from NBC and the writer has every liberty to form a Think-Tank of the party to which he/she belongs or to any group whose views he subscribes. I have never been delegated to speak on behalf of the Think-Tank and everything I have said either on TV or radio is my own personal views just as I do occasionally expressed them through writing. I have written many articles on both domestic and international matters and for the information for the writer of that letter I never sign off my opinion with a title, but simply Jeroboam Shaanika.

The write did not competently substantiated his perception of me being politically biased, was I biased because as he alluded to I kept on disappearing without any apology for inconvenience caused by my absence. Again Let me make one thing very clear, I was approached at the last minute to go the and NBC Studio for

only one hour. I had prior commitments and if you were to find out if wanted to I turned down the invitation, but was persuaded to accept. Yes I had to leave the studio after an hour to attend to my schedule and the NBC knew it, so I was not just going and coming as if it was intentionally done. Again, I do not apply to appear on any show, but called sometime to cover the invited guests who fail to show up at the last minute. On the question whether I sought the permission from the Office of the Prime Minister as a government employee to perform extra work outside my designated official duty, I can only assure him/her that I am not employed by NBC and have received no single cent. Whatever I have been doing is voluntary. I made arrangement with at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, my work place. Again, you are free to suggest any person you would want to see on NBC TV or radio, but if you think that I am a danger to democracy in Namibia, then perhaps you do not know the meaning of the word by application, but perhaps only by definition. Among the people you listed, can you single out one who has never been affiliated politically? Are you implying that they are more Namibian than myself? I have written more on National Interest and the importance of citizens to understand it, the opinions I have written are on internet, please read tell me where you think I am political biased. If have problem with me, you are free to contact me at my e-mail below.

I also want to say this, if you have written what you wrote because of genuine concerns, then you could be forgive, but if are you part of sniper politics hell bent on character assassination of people you and your cabal wants to snipe out one by one, I want to assure you that you have picked a wrong target. Let me end here by paraphrasing Jesus, "let him who is without sin cast the first stone.

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Something fishy at NBC

There is something very funny going on at the Namibian Broadcasting Corporation, NBC. There is a lot of which hunt which must be stopped immediately. Several factions have emerged and are fighting one another. The NBC is being compromised to satisfy individuals' interests at the expense of the viewers, listeners and stakeholders.

The new board is being manipulated. The Namibian Public Workers Union, NAPWU, has been instigated against certain general managers, who were at the receiv-

ing end of the former Acting Director General, Matthew //Gowaseb, and are currently also now at the receiving end of the current Acting Director General, Yvonne Boois.

Is it a question of taking over from where //Gowaseb left off? It will be interesting to know who instigated NAPWU in their so-called "vote of no confidence" in the current management. We know who this person. Things are rotting here and nobody seems to care. I pray for the NBC.

Concerned NBC staff member