

Sick Hidipo in Germany

Electoral shock takes its toll HH

By Asser Ntinda

The President of the Rally for Democracy and Progress, RDP, has been in Germany this whole week undergoing medical treatment following the shock result of the National Assembly and Presidential elections in which RDP had dismally failed to dent SWAPO Party's national popularity in both elections.

Hidipo Hamutenya took a flight to Germany last Sunday after the results started trickling in. He went by Air Namibia regular flight to Frankfurt, which left Hosea Kutako International Airport last Sunday at 21hrs00.

He was reportedly in a serious condition following preliminary results which shocked the hell out of him as he thought RDP would dent SWAPO Party's two-thirds majority in those elections.

What particularly knocked him off balance was the way people in Ohangwena Region had voted as that was the region where he had persistently claimed to have "solid support." RDP was blasted in Ohangwena Region.

During the campaign, RDP claimed to have 390 000 registered members "throughout" the country, 70 per cent of which were in Ohangwena Region. RDP pocketed just over 90 000 votes in the National

Assembly election throughout the country, while Hidipo got just over 88,000 votes in the Presidential election.

Sources said that he was so shocked that he had to be admitted in a local hospital before being finally flown to Germany for further treatment. He is due to return today, Friday, 11 December 2009.

RDP is one of the eight opposition parties that are disputing the results. They have threatened to take the Electoral



We told you that SWAPO is the people and the people are SWAPO. Rejected and rusting in the dustbin of history: Hidipo Hamutenya, Jurie Viljoen, Ben Ulenga, Kuaima Riruako, Ignatius Shikwameni, Katutire Kaura. Underneath the dustbin is Phil Ya Nangoloh.

Commission of Namibia, ECN, to court but have since chickened out of that option due

to a lack of evidence. They have now opted for a petition, which they now want to hand

over to the High Court today, Friday 11, 2009.

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Thousands observe Human Rights Day

By Anna Nakambale

Thousands of people in Windhoek converged at the Old Location Cemetery to pay tribute to the Namibian heroes and heroines who perished during the struggle for Namibia's independence.



The event was graced by the presence of President Hifikepunye Pohamba, Founding President Sam Nujoma, Prime Minister Nahas Angula and his Deputy, Dr. Libertine Amathila, Speaker of the National Assembly, Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, Chairperson of the National Council, Asser Kapere, Cabinet Ministers and members of Parliament.

On December 10th, 1959, the

apartheid colonial forces forcefully removed Namibians from the Old Location, present day Hochland Park, and relocated them to present day Katutura.

But this was not without any resistance. Namibians braved the brutalities of the apartheid colonial forces and refused to move, putting up a fierce fight against the heavily armed police officers.

However, they were eventu-

ally overwhelmed by the brutal colonial forces. More than 13 people were killed and 54 others were wounded. Among those killed was an outstanding brave woman, Kakurukaze Mungunda, who managed to set a police van on fire before she was shot dead at close range.

President Pohamba recalled her courage and heroism, say-

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President Hifikepunye Pohamba and Founding President Dr. Sam Nujoma laying wreaths at the Old Location Shrine on Thursday. Photos by Anna Nakambale.