ing that by commemorating Human Rights Day at the very site where the police van on fire, Namibians were also honouring and paying tribute to other Namibian sons and daughters who resisted colonial occupation and foreign domination.

“Their acts of bravery and gallantry added fresh and valuable momentum to the contemporary struggle for national liberation and independence,” said President Pohamba. “The fight for our nationhood and freedom was motivated by the belief that all human beings are created equal, with inalienable rights to freedom and dignity.”

The Old Location brutal eviction taught Namibians one lesson: that Namibia’s independence would never come on a silver platter. Unless they were united, they would never successfully defeat the colonial and apartheid forces of South Africa, hence the formation of SWAPO in April 1960.

Since the formation of SWAPO that day, it had fought militarily, politically and diplomatically, bringing about Namibia’s independence in 1990, thus allowing SWAPO to build a non-racial nation, democratic and united nation with a progressive constitution.

This year’s commemoration was held under the theme “All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.” The theme reflects the government’s understanding and commitment to the dignity of humankind and equality of all people.

“We believe that the enjoyment and respect for human rights is a fundamental ingredient to the development of our country and the building of a better future for our people,” said President Pohamba.

To some of us, the eight seats RDP got was just too many, yet he thinks he deserves more.

“Now he is politically dead. We are waiting for him in the National Assembly where we will mock and vilify him like hell. He is in for a rough ride. Let him come back from Germany and face us. If he thinks that the worst is over, then he is a fool. The worst is to come.”

“We will ask him about many things, like the Pidico scandal, the demise of the Development Brigade Corporation, DBC, the N$100 million that went missing from the Offshore Development Corporation, ODC, and many others.”

Since his flight to Germany last Sunday, RDP officials have been denying that he has left the country. Later on, they changed the story and confirmed that he was out of the country “attending an opposition parties’ conference” in Germany.

Sources said that the “opposition parties conference” was just a cover-up as he could not leave the country at that crucial time when people were waiting for the results of the elections.

When contacted for comment, RDP’s Director General of Administration, Libolly Haufiku, could neither confirm nor deny that Hidipo was out of the country. “I have nothing to say,” he said. “Write what you want to write. That is all I can say.”