

## Ya Nangoloh

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ries of articles which Ya Nangoloh had authored to "prove" that both Dr Nujoma and Dr Gurirab were "CIA agents."

SWAPO Party started instituting legal action against Ya Nangoloh last year over such allegations. The process is now at an advanced stage.

Last year, SWAPO Party Secretary General, Cde Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana confirmed that the Party had put up a strong legal team to institute legal action against Ya Nangoloh and John Grobler, a local journalist who had written several slanderous and defamatory articles against President Hifikepunye Pohamba and Founding President Nujoma.

Grobler's articles were published in the Windhoek Observer before and after SWAPO Party's Extra-ordinary congress in 2004. The articles appeared under a pseudo name of Jonathan Cobra, who, after thorough investigation by Namibia Today, turned out to be Grobler.

Last year, the Secretary General said the two would be sued separately, not jointly. She did not say how much they would be sued for, but she said it would be in millions of dollars.

"We are tired of being humiliated and defamed by these people," she said last year. "We are suing them separately, not jointly. We are not going back on this one. The SWAPO Party will take them on and we will use every cent we have in our coffers to pursue this case to the end until justice is done. It is time someone stood up to them.

"SWAPO Party in general and our leaders in particular, especially Founding President Sam Nujoma and President Hifikepunye Pohamba, have been at the receiving end of these people. They have been called this or that name, publicly being humiliated. This should not go on. We will fight, and I mean business."

Grobler had written more than 30 defamatory and libelous articles between April and November 2004, and his target had always been Dr Nujoma, as a person and as then Head of State. He wrote those articles under the pseudonym "Jonathan Cobra."

Investigative reports by Namibia Today eventually unmasked him and exposed him for all to see. In the end, he finally admitted that he was indeed Jonathan Cobra, adding that he changed his name because "Vambos cannot pronounce Grobler properly, they just say Globla."

After being unmasked, the SWAPO Party 2007 Congress took a firm decision that serious legal action should be taken against

Grobler, now that he had been identified. The current legal action stems from that decision.

"This has nothing to do with his current legal suit against me and SWAPO Party," said Cde Iivula-Ithana last year. "It has been coming. Let him go ahead with his case against us. We will defend ourselves. About that, I am convinced."

Grobler is suing Cde Iivula-Ithana and SWAPO Party for N\$5 million. The legal suit stems from an article which appeared on SWAPO Party website recently which referred to him as a former "Koeveot."

A common thread that ran through Grobler's, aka Cobra's, articles was that Cde Nujoma was just a "dictator" who had "singlehandedly taken decisions alone" and who "brooks no dissenting views."

On May 29, 2004, Cobra wrote in the Windhoek Observer that when SWAPO was "formed in 1958" (sic) in New York (sic), President Nujoma "just sat" in the chair that was "reserved for would-be-president and never left it again"

Wrote Cobra: "...that kind of political obstinacy is what has come to characterize his rule: dogmatic obduracy has since gotten confused will political will - hence the title of his self-aggrandizing biography, 'Where Others Wavered.'

"And what a bunch of toss that is: many of the facts in the book have simply been twisted to suit Nujoma's self-perpetuating myth of steadfastness, whereas the truth is that he himself thought and expressed the misgivings that SWAPO would never be able to return to Namibia. And this, my friends, is not conjecture - he wavered as well..." Those are Cobra's words.

Said Cde Iivula-Ithana: "We will put all these articles together and take him to task. They are in for a rude shock. It is time someone stood up to them. We are tired of being defamed and libeled."

Ya Nangoloh, faces a similar defamatory suit. He has persistently written articles which also appeared in the Windhoek Observer, then under its old owners also, alleging that Dr Nujoma was a "CIA agent," while Dr Gurirab was a "CIA briefcase officer"

Ya Nangoloh had written more than 23 articles headlined "Expose: Nujoma's CIA connection." They had been widely published before and after the 2004 Extra-Ordinary Congress. Both Grobler's aka Cobra's and Ya Nangoloh's articles favoured Hidipo Hamutenya in his bid to become SWAPO Party Presidential Candidate.

Hamutenya flopped badly and has since defected from SWAPO Party and formed his Rally for Democracy and Progress, RDP. At the RDP launch, Grobler was seen jo-

vially chatting with Hamutenya, with an RDP flag in the pocket of his shirt.

In June last year, Ya Nangoloh came up with another lie, in which he alleged that Cde Iivula-Ithana, and SWAPO Party Secretary for Youth League, SPYL, Cde Elijah Ngurare, were, through "clandes-

tine machinations," negotiating with the government of Angola to sign an extradition treaty under which Ya Nangoloh would be "extra-ordinarily rendered to Angola to face prosecution on unspecified alleged crimes."

Ya Nangoloh added that the "alleged crimes relate to the discov-

ery and subsequent publication on September 9, 2008, of a dossier about no name graves as well as other grave human rights abuses along Namibia's northern and northeastern border between 1994 and 2003. All these allegations were proven wrong.

"I can assure you that SWAPO

Party will not rest until those defamatory and libelous allegations are proven in a court of law.

These are our leaders, and for them to be called CIA agents is not on," said Cde Iivula-Ithana last year. She is also the Minister of Justice.

# Dr Geingob leaves for Washington, D.C. to attend 2010 AGOA Forum

**Hon. Dr Hage Geingob, Minister of Trade and Industry, will lead the Namibian delegation to the 9<sup>th</sup> AGOA Forum to be held in Washington, D.C., from 2 to 6 August 2010. This Forum is an important platform for dialogue between the USA and Sub-Saharan African (SSA) countries for the implementation of the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). It will be attended by representatives of governments, private sector and civil society from the United States and various Sub-Saharan African countries.**

AGOA, signed into law in May 2000 was aimed at facilitating market access concessions to SSA countries for a period five years. However, it was unilaterally extended by the United States to eligible SSA countries to promote trade and investment between the United States and SSA countries by providing non-reciprocal trade preferences for over 6,400 products originating from the SSA countries. AGOA will now expire in 2014.

The 2010 AGOA Forum is divided into two parts: a Ministerial Forum to be held in Washington D.C. on 2 - 3 August, and an



Hon. Dr Hage Geingob, Minister of Trade and Industry

Agribusiness Forum to be held on 5-6 August in Kansas City, Missouri.

The agenda for the forum will cover issues of trade and economic cooperation between the USA and SSA countries, and highlight a number of critical economic issues, such as, increasing intra-Africa trade, strengthening and expanding US -African trade and investment relations, and Africa's competitiveness, among others.

The Agribusiness Forum will specifically focus on agribusiness

linkages, and is expected to provide an opportunity to participating Namibian and other private sector representatives to interact with and engage representatives of the US Administration and business leaders on issues of business interest.

The Namibian delegation is expected to use this forum to have bilateral meetings with relevant US representatives on issues of mutual interest especially trade and investment, and particularly market access for Namibian meat, grapes

and fish.

The Minister and his delegation are also expected to raise the following issues:

Non-tariff barriers (NTBs) of interest to Namibian companies that intend exporting to the US taking advantage of AGOA;

Extension of AGOA beyond 2014 in order to allow Namibia and other eligible countries to build or gear up their industrial production and supply capacities;

Possible designation of the port of Walvis Bay as one of the AGOA designated ports of origin for Namibia and its landlocked neighbours; and

Tangible technical assistance from the US towards augmenting the production capacity of Namibian enterprises seeking to export to the US market.

Dr Geingob will be accompanied by officials from the Ministries of Trade and Industry, Agriculture, Water and Forestry, and Fisheries and Marine Resources, and a representative of the Meat Board and Agricultural Trade Forum. The delegation will be reinforced by staff members from the Namibian Embassy in Washington, D.C.



not speak off." Said Cde Haingura.

She said that as SWAPO women Council, today join those who call for that City police to provide patrols along the riverbeds where children are crossing to reach schools morning and afternoons. Haingura call on stakeholders to mobilize resources so that bridges could be constructed over strategic rivers where women and children are crossing.

"Let this case be an eye-opener for all of us and not only to speak, demonstrate and shout when such incidences to happen, but create continuous awareness and sensitize women and children on Gender Based Violence". She said most of the time our development partners provide such activities, but these resources are earmarked for other regions because Khomas Region is deemed to be well established. She urged the people in khomas Region to open their mind to pay attention to the region as it faces many challenges than any other region.

Cde Petrina Haingura was accompanied by Elder's council Secretary Cde Kanana Hishoono, Windhoek east Councilor Cde Rosalia Sibiya and staff members of SWAPO party head office wished the bereaved family to extend its heartfelt condolences during this difficult time of difficulty, and trust that God the almighty will provide comfort to them during this time of pain and sorrow, and believe that God will change your pain in joy, by remembering the good that your daughter and sister leave with you. Cde Haingura and her delegation donated N\$1220.00 cash to the bereaved family on behalf of the SWPC.

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year.

"Today, as a country, we keep an audible silence fearful own lives, left with memories of harrow of this deed, seeking to obliterate from our memories of this occurrence which in its remember-

ing, should teach us not and never to be inhuman again" said Cde Haingura.

Reading the statement on behalf of the SWAPO Women Council, Cde Haingura asked whether they are safe in the hands of people they regard as their own husband, fathers, brothers, neighbours and fellow countrymen. They also ask themselves what has happened with the morality of our society.

"Our morals that we cherished over so many years are fading away slowly. Today we sit with pre occupied minds, asking, what has gone wrong in the minds of some men to conduct such horrific, barbaric and inhumane acts. Women are no longer safe in our society, where do we go? Where must we stay? Who must guard and protect us as women if men are ones committing such crimes that one can-