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Political madness. RDP vents its anger on trees! Shortly after last year's elections, SWAPO Party members organized a braai under this tree in Ohangwena Region to celebrate the Party's victory. The next day, the tree was chopped off by frustrated members of the Rally for Democracy and Progress, RDP, so that SWAPO Party could neither hoist its flags on it nor hold braais there.

Star rally to introduce SWAPO candidate

Katamila shown the exit door

By Levi Upula and Asser Ntinda

As preparations for next month's by-election in Okahandja get underway, SWAPO Party plans to hold a star rally in Okahandja next Sunday to introduce its candidate to the public.

The star rally, slated for Sunday afternoon, will be addressed by SWAPO Party Secretary General, Cde Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana. Party leaders are also expected to attend the rally in full force.

The SWAPO Party candidate is Cde Steve Biko Booyis who was recently nominated and elected by the leadership of SWAPO Party in Otjozondjupa Region. He emerged the winner in the three-man contest, and was eventually endorsed by the Party's Politburo.

Cde Iivula-Ithana said the leadership was satisfied with the manner through which the internal selection process was



Cde Steve Biko Booyis

managed and gave its nod to the identification and eventual election of Cde Booyis.

The Secretary General also



Booted: Ben Katamila

announced that the controversial Ben Katamila, who has defied Party's instruction and

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A risky ride! A boy under a cart pulled by running donkeys in Ombuga, Oshana Region. Any fall can be fatal. Photo by Asser Ntinda.

Fireworks at NBC

Employees divided on the future of NAPWU's leaders at NBC

By Asser Ntinda

As the Namibia Broadcasting Corporation, NBC, grapples with its severe financial crisis in years, more facts are emerging regarding the motives behind recent promotions, appointments and transfers at the embattled public broadcaster.

Such promotions and permanent appointments have seen the NBC's salary bill going up to N\$8 million per month, (not per year, as earlier reported by Namibia Today last week) up from N\$5 million per month nine months ago. That means that the annual salary bill is

nearly N\$96 million.

It has also emerged that the transfer of Claudia Iikela from TV Programmes to National Radio and the demotion of Tobias Kandanga from National Radio to head Otjiwarongo center were designed to frustrate them and

eventually force them to resign.

If Kandanga decides to challenge his demotion, the probability of winning that case is very high. His demotion was effected against the Labour Act and NBC's policies, said one

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