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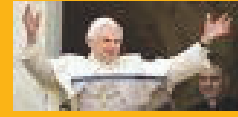


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SWAPO at 50

By Asser Ntinda

SWAPO Party, Namibia's ruling party, turns 50 years old on Monday, 19 April 2010. It has been a long journey, spanning five decades of triumph and tragedy, victories and set-backs, which culminated in Namibia's independence on 21 March, 1990.

On that day, Founding President Dr Sam Nujoma told the world: "I move, in the name of our people, to declare that Namibia is forever free, sovereign and independent."

That was an hour Namibians had been waiting for, for more than a century. United under the banner of SWAPO, Namibians fought fierce battles to set themselves free from the yoke of colonialism and apartheid domination.

Founded on April 19, 1960, the history of SWAPO is a history of battles won and tragedies encountered. Massacres at Oshatotwa, Oshikuku, Oshakati and Cassinga were tragedies that would never be forgotten.

Triumphant battles too were



Commander-In-Chief of PLAN, Dr Sam Nujoma, addressing PLAN combatants during the liberation struggle. Those difficult days. Dr Sam Nujoma in the bush during the struggle for Namibia's independence.

waged between 1966 and 1989, fight against the South African Army, which was one of the Namibians to soldier on in their

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This is the logo that will be used to celebrate SWAPO Party's 50th Anniversary. The logo was unveiled by Vice President, Dr Hage Geingob. Photo by Levi Upula.

Star rally to mark SWAPO Party's 50th Birthday

SWAPO Party is hosting a star rally on Sun-

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Cuban Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade, Investment and Economic Cooperation, Cde Ramon Ripoh Diaz, and his delegation paid a courtesy call on Founding President Sam Nujoma on Thursday. The Cuban delegation has been in the country to promote economic cooperation and trade relations between the two countries. Photo by Levi Upula

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