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Rynand Mudge, who donated N\$100,000 to SWAPO Party. Mudge was one of the architects who designed the Heroes' Shrine at Eenhana. Photo by Levi Upula.

## SWAPO nets in N\$1 million Mudge pledges N\$100,000

By Esau Muzeu

SWAPO Party Birthday Bash netted in nearly N\$1 Million for the ruling Party, making it one of the biggest donation events ever made so far, apart from election donations and contributions.

A surprise card was architect and property developer, Rynand Mudge, who pledged N\$100,000 in cash. It was the biggest donation of the day, followed only by Namibia Wildlife Resort, NWR, which donated N\$65 000.

By Thursday, SWAPO Party had N\$610 000 in its coffers, with more cash from pledges still flowing in. Officials from the departments of Finance and Administration met on Thursday night to evaluate and put together the donations in cash and in kind.

"This has been an over-

whelming success," said one official in the Department of Administration. "We are overwhelmed by the generosity and kind contributions the people have made so far."

The Gala Diner saw hard to find personalities meeting together at tables, business tycoons and high profile politicians mixing with ordinary members of the mighty SWAPO Party.

President Hifikepunye Pohamba and Founding President Sam Nujoma led the guests in donations. President

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## RDP President's bodyguard in unlicensed gun saga

The bodyguard of Hidipo Hamutenya, President of the Rally for Democracy and Progress, RDP, is still battling with his bail application following his arrest on Sunday on robbery charges.

The Khomas Regional Police confirmed on Thursday that Steve Kevanhu was still in police custody, pending his bail application. Kevanhu was arrested last weekend in connection with an armed robbery he had allegedly committed two years ago. He is the fourth accused in the case.

Kevanhu has been in police custody ever since and is battling to have himself out on bail,



Hidipo Hamutenya

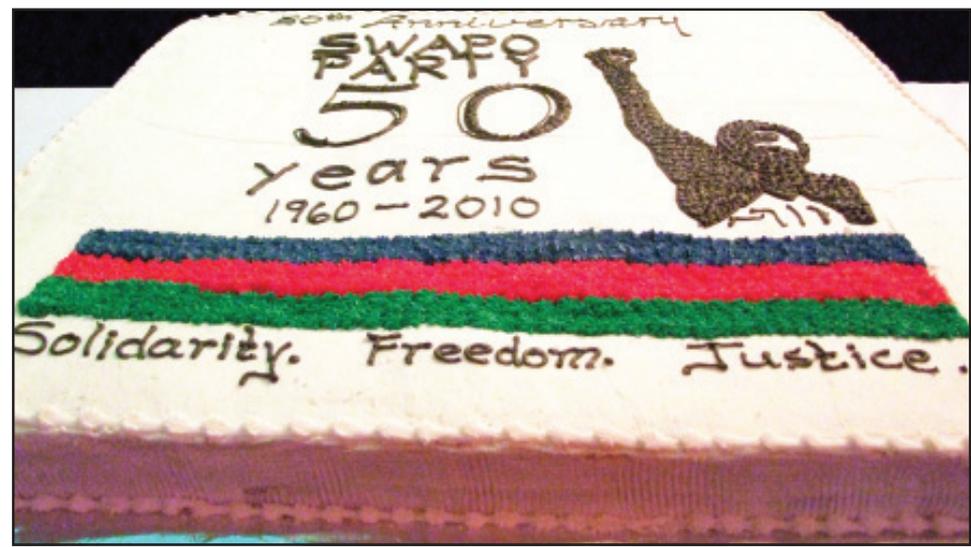
but there are complications regarding the unlicensed pistol he

was found in possession with.

He is charged with other three suspects involved in an attempted robbery in which they impersonated police officers to rob a man of N\$17,000 and his travel documents, as well as his cell-phone, at the Zambian Embassy.

"What complicates this case is the fact that the fire arm is

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SWAPO Party's massive Birthday Cake. Photo by Levi Upula.

## SWAPO has come of age

By Levi Upula

As SWAPO Party celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary last weekend, Namibians across the country stood and reflected on the achievements of a former liberation movement that has come on Namibia's political stage and shaped Namibia's destiny.

Thousands of people converged at the Multipurpose Youth Center in Windhoek for

the main rally last Sunday, which was addressed by SWAPO Party President and

President of the country, Cde Hifikepunye Pohamba.

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