



President Hifikepunye Pohamba and SWAPO Party Secretary General, Cde Pendukeni Iivula-Iithana at the launch of the National Preparatory Committee on Wednesday. Photo by Levi Upula.

## SWAPO's

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as many people as it deems fit and will meet as regularly as they possibly can. President Pohamba said that with elections only a few months away, SWAPO Party must prepare well and comprehensively to achieve the highest levels of readiness to enable the Party to



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Cde. Helmuth Angula



Cde. Jerry Ekandjo



Cde. Marcko Hausiku



Cde. Errki Nghimtina

campaign effectively and successfully throughout the country.

"Nothing can be taken for granted or left to chance," said an upbeat Pohamba. "We must put the necessary plans in place and execute them to the last detail. In this light, the NPC has a challenging task at hand to ensure that all our plans, from today to the day of voting, are implemented to the letter."

One of the main challenging

tasks facing the NPC is to ensure that all Party procedures and processes are operating smoothly and effectively at what President Pohamba said was a "crucial period" leading up to the elections.

He said that there was a lot of work that must be completed in order to mobilize Namibian voters to rally behind the SWAPO Party in the upcoming elections, adding that the NPC should harness the skills and energies of SWAPO Party members, supporters and sympathizers to deliver victory to enable the Party to implement its 2009 Election Manifesto, National Development Plans, NDP, and Vision 2030.

"This requires increased coordination at all levels, namely the national, regional, district, branch and section levels," said President Pohamba. "Thus, all the organs of the Party must work with unity of purpose to achieve our goals of winning a landslide victory in November."

"Yes, it is true that the SWAPO Party convincingly won major elections in the past. We are also confident that we will win the upcoming elections. However, to achieve success again, we must

continue to build on the existing foundation of our Party as a popular and mass-based movement that is able to unite all Namibians towards a common goal.

"We must also work harder and always consistently so that the voters can turn out in large numbers to exercise their democratic right and vote... While the track record of our Party speaks for itself, we must work to convince the populace that we can do better."

The President said that the SWAPO Party government had successfully implemented the promises and undertakings it had made, in some instances, it had surpassed some of them. The Party, he said, must therefore build on the momentum that it had achieved to

make the 2009 Election Manifesto even a greater success.

"We must convince the people that we will not relent on our vision to achieve the goals that we have set out in Vision 2030 as well as the undertakings in NDP3," he said. "The mechanisms that the

NPC put in place must, therefore, work towards all these aspirations of the Party and indeed allow us to champion within the parameters and the ideals of a true democracy — the very same democracy that the SWAPO Party brought to Namibia in 1990."

SWAPO Party is going into this year's elections with a lot to show-case, armed with a catalogue that chronicles stunning achievements in areas such as education, health, housing, land reform, infrastructural development and so on.

## Lameck

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The President requested Lameck yesterday, Thursday, to temporarily absent herself from duties as a commissioner of the Public Service Commission of Namibia, PSC.

The announcement was made by Minister of Presidential Affairs, who is also Namibia's Acting Attorney General, Dr. Albert Kawana. A press release that Minister Kawana issued said that the President's decision was taken in terms of the Public Service Act, which was passed in 1990.

Lameck, her business partner, Kongo Mokaxwa, and Chinese national, Yang Fan, were arrested early last month on criminal and fraud charges which stemmed from a multi-million dollar deal involving a Chinese company and Namibia's Ministry of Finance.

Under the contract, the Chinese company, Nuctech, was to supply the Ministry of Finance with security scanners. The contract saw the three suspects earning a combined commission of N\$42 million, a third of the contract price of N\$120 million.

Shortly after Nuctech had won the tender, the Ministry of Finance paid US\$12 million, which is about N\$120 million, into Nuctech's account. Nuctech

in turn paid US\$4 million, which is about N\$42 million, into Teko Trading cc account, owned by Teckla and Mokaxwa.

The State alleges that the N\$42 million was a corrupt kick-back. Since their arrests last month, the three had been held at Windhoek Central Prison until Tuesday this week when the Windhoek Magistrate's Court granted them bail.

Lameck and Mokaxwa were granted bail of N\$50 000 each, while Yang was granted bail of N\$250 000. Yang was also ordered to deposit an additional N\$750 000 if he wanted the Court to lift an order freezing his assets in terms of the Prevention of Organized Crime Act.

During their court appearances, the three have maintained their innocence, saying that they saw nothing wrong in earning that money, with Mokaxwa telling the Court that the charges they face were about "as serious as an average shoplifting case."

Lawyer Raymond Heathcote, who represents the three, told the Court that the initial indication from the prosecution was that they had committed fraud against the Ministry of Finance, which was later changed to having committed fraud against Nuctech.

He said that his clients had not committed fraud. "They have made a lot of money, but it has never been a crime to make a lot of money. If that was the case, a


few other people should have also been in prison," said lawyer Heathcote.

Yang had told the court that he had been Nuctech's representative for southern Africa since 2006, while at the same time, he was also employed by Teko Trading. He maintained that he dealt with the Ministry of Finance as Nuctech representative.

Nuctech and Teko Trading signed an agreement shortly before the N\$42 million was paid into Teko Trading's account. Under that agreement, Teko Trading was to act as Nuctech's "agent and consultant." Yang said Lameck and Mokaxwa gave Nuctech a lot of useful and valuable information, such as market research and how to "do business" in Namibia.

Yang received N\$16 million, while Lameck and Mokaxwa received nearly N\$9,39 million and N\$8 million respectively out of the money that Teko Trading got from Nuctech.

Although the three are out on bail, their bail conditions are tough. Lameck, Yang and Mokaxwa must report to the Anti-Corruption Commission, ACC, before 09h00 and after 16h00 every weekday, and at the Windhoek Police Station at the same times on weekends. Their passports have been surrendered to the ACC and cannot travel outside Namibia while free on bail. Police investigation continues.

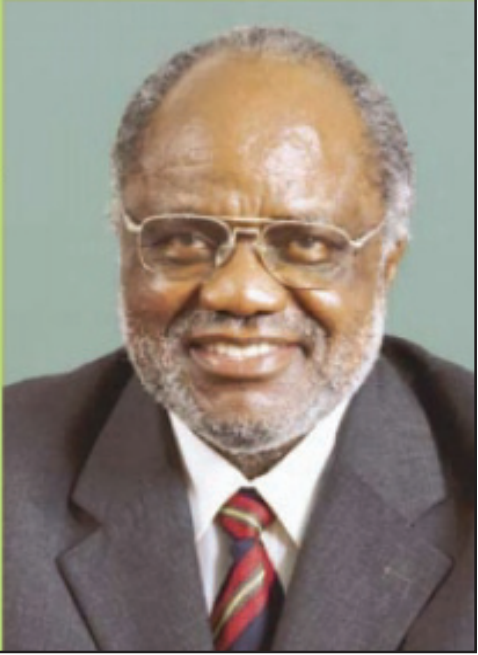


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his 74th birthday  
anniversary

We wish him continued  
strength, health for many  
years to come.

Many happy returns  
Your Excellency.



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