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SWAPO history too important – SG

By Levi Upula

SWAPO Party's history is being exhibited at the National Art Gallery, depicting its history and the people who played a key role in Namibia's liberation struggle. There are exclusive pictures never seen before, but quite attractive and insightful.

SWAPO Party Secretary Iivula-Ithana, could not hide General, Cde Pendukekeni **Cont on page 2**



He is closely looking at one of the photos taken by Levi Upula.



The struggle was tough. This is how President Hifikepunye Pohamba looked like during the struggle.



Founding President Sam Nujoma going through the exhibition hall of the liberation struggle he had led to its logical conclusion. Photo by Levi Upula.

Let's work together – Pohamba

By Levi Upula

President Hifikepunye Pohamba has called for closer cooperation between Namibia and Zambia, saying that historic ties that existed before and after Namibia's independence should be strengthened for mutual cooperation.

Speaking during the official talks with Zambian President Rupia Banda in Windhoek on Wednesday, President Pohamba said the two countries had worked together successfully in areas such as infrastructure development and electricity.

"The growing shortage of electricity in the SADC

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Presidents Hifikepunye Pohamba and Rupia Banda. Photo by Levi Upula.

Militarism and democracy: the implications of the McChrystal affair

By Patrick Martin

The political crisis in Washington, sparked by the publication of inflammatory comments by General Stanley McChrystal, the overall commander of US and NATO forces in Afghanistan, culminated in the firing of McChrystal Wednesday morning and his replacement by General David Petraeus, the former US commander in Iraq.

McChrystal was summoned from Afghanistan to a White House meeting where he submitted his resignation over the publication of a lengthy article in *Rolling Stone* magazine, in which he and his top aides were quoted making disparaging references to President Obama and nearly all the administration's top national security officials. Obama accepted the resignation,

and McChrystal left the White House immediately. After three hours of meetings with his national security council and Pentagon brass, Obama appeared before television cameras to announce McChrystal's ouster and the nomination of Petraeus to succeed him.

In his brief remarks, with no questions allowed from the media, Obama emphasized that he remained fully in support of the pro-



President Barrak Obama and General Stanley McChrystal program of military escalation and counterinsurgency warfare with which McChrystal is identified. He pledged to do "whatever is neces-

sary to succeed in Afghanistan," adding, "This is a change in personnel but it is not a change in policy."

General Petraeus, who was McChrystal's superior as head of the U.S. Central Command, was closely involved in the administration's Afghan policy deliberations and fully supported the decision last December to dispatch an additional 30,000 US troops.

Two aspects of the McChrystal affair deserve consideration. First, and most obviously, the firing of McChrystal demonstrates the worsening position of the US intervention in Afghanistan. The

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