

N\$50m law suit

SWAPO set to sue Grobler and Ya Nanangolo

By Asser Ntinda

SWAPO Party has put up a strong legal team to sue John Grobler and Phil Ya Nangolo for writing defamatory and libelous articles against SWAPO Party and its leaders, which appeared in the Windhoek Observer under its old owners before and after the 2004 extra-ordinary congress.



Feeling the heat: Phil Ya Nangolo and John Grobler, aka Jonathan Cobra.

The amount has not yet been determined, but SWAPO Party Secretary General, Cde Pendukeni

Iivula-Ithana has confirmed that the summons will reach them soon. She said that the two were being

sued separately, not jointly. She added that the defamation claims were in tens of millions of dollars.

"We are tired of being humiliated and defamed by these people," she said. "We are suing them separately, not jointly. We are not going back on this one. The SWAPO Party will take them on and we will use every cent we have in our coffers to pursue this case to the end until justice is done. It is time someone stood up to them.

"SWAPO Party in general and our leaders in particular, especially Founding President Sam Nujoma and President Hifikepunye Pohamba, have been at the receiving end of these people. They have been called this or that name, publicly being humiliated. This should not go on. We will fight, and I mean business."

Grobler had written more than 30 defamatory and libelous articles between April and November 2004, and his target had always been Dr Nujoma, as a person and as then Head of State. He wrote



From left: Cobra/Grobler in a jovial mood with an RDP flag in his pocket at the launch of the RDP in 2007. Next to him are Uauonga Hoveka, Martin Heita, and Hidipo Hamutenya. Photo Levi Upula.

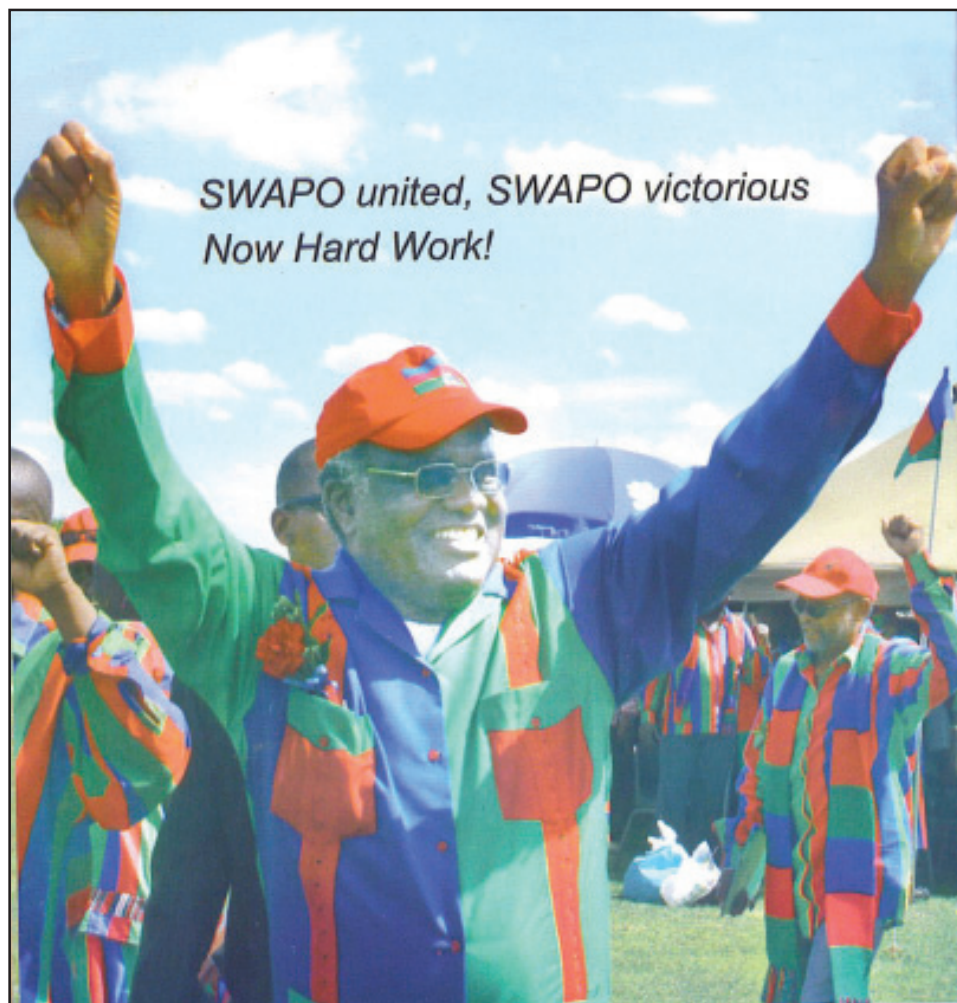
those articles under the pseudonym "Jonathan Cobra,"

Investigative reports by Namibia Today eventually un-

masked him and exposed him for all to see. In the end, he finally admitted that he was indeed Jonathan Cobra, adding that he

changed his name because "Vambos cannot pronounce

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President Hifikepunye Pohamba calling on all Namibians to vote for SWAPO Party.

Here we come, says Pohamba

SWAPO launches its Manifesto

By Levi Upula

Thousands of people from all regions converged at the Katutura Multipurpose Sports Complex last weekend to witness the launch of the 2009 SWAPO Party Election Manifesto, which coincided with the Party's Electoral College, which democratically elected 72 candidates for the National Assembly seats.

The launch was preceded by the breathtaking Electoral College, which started on Friday with registration, and commenced on Saturday. Delegates lobbied and canvassed for as many votes as they could, with President Pohamba calling for unity and discipline.

As the voting ended at around noon, delegates proceeded to the Stadium where

thousands of people were being treated to various lyrics by artists such as Gazza, The Dogg and Ndilimani. The latter also launched its hard-hitting new album.

In presenting the Manifesto, President Pohamba said that the document would serve as a contract between the Namibian people and the SWAPO Party. He said that there was no doubt

that SWAPO Party would win a landslide victory.

The 42-page Manifesto is comprehensive, covering all aspects of the economy and containing strategies and options the SWAPO Party government would use to realize its promises and pledges.

"The SWAPO Party is the only political party that has over

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