



President Hifikepunye Pohamba launching the 2009 SWAPO Party Election Manifesto in Windhoek. Photo by Levi Upula.

Pohamba

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the years developed institutional capacity and ability to govern and deliver on its promises," said President Pohamba, to a cheering crowd.

"In order to bring about the required economic growth, the SWAPO Party will promote policies and a conducive environment for the development of

the private sector, investment promotion, trade and international cooperation.

"Greater emphasis will continue to be placed on the development, maintenance and rehabilitation of infrastructure such as housing, power generation and transmission, water supply, telecommunication, transport and office accommodation in order to serve the current and future generations."

He said that it was the com-

mitment of the SWAPO Party government to ensure equitable distribution of resources and infrastructure development throughout the country.

"Therefore," he said, "our policies will strike a balance in resource allocation between social and productive sectors. There is no doubt that such policies will further contribute to the reduction and eventual elimination of the inherited social and economic inequalities,

N\$50m

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Grobler, they just say Globla."

After being unmasked, the SWAPO Party 2007 Congress took a firm decision that serious legal action should be taken against Grobler, now that he had been identified. The current legal action stems from that decision.

"This has nothing to do with his current legal suit against me and SWAPO Party," said Cde Iivula-Ithana. "It has been coming. Let him go ahead with his case against us. We will defend ourselves. About that, I am convinced."

Grobler is suing Cde Iivula-Ithana and SWAPO Party for N\$5 million. The legal suit stems from an article which appeared on SWAPO Party website recently which referred to him as a former Koevoet.

A common thread that ran through Grobler's, aka Cobra's, articles was that Cde Nujoma was just a "dictator" who had "singlehandedly taken decisions alone" and who "brooks no dissenting views."

On May 29, 2004, Cobra wrote in the Windhoek Observer that when SWAPO was "formed in 1958" (sic) in New York (sic),



Cde Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana

President Nujoma "just sat" in the chair that was "reserved for would-be-president and never left it again"

Wrote Cobra: "...that kind of political obstinacy is what has come to characterize his rule: dogmatic obduracy has since gotten confused will political will - hence the title of his self-aggrandizing biography, 'Where Others Wavered.'

"And what a bunch of toss that is: many of the facts in the book have simply been twisted to suit Nujoma's self-perpetuating myth of steadfastness, whereas the truth is that he himself thought and expressed the misgivings that SWAPO would never be able to return to Namibia. And this, my friends, is not conjecture - he wavered as well..." Those are Cobra's words.

Said Cde Iivula-Ithana: "We will put all these articles together and take him to task. They are in for a rude shock. It is time someone stood up to them. We are tired of being defamed and libeled."

The Executive Director of the National Society for Human Rights, NSHR, Phil Ya Nangoloh, faces a similar defamatory suit. Ya Nangoloh has persistently written articles which also appeared in the Windhoek Observer, then under its old owners also, alleging that Dr. Nujoma was a "CIA agent," while National Assembly Speaker, Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab was a "CIA briefcase officer." CIA stands for the Central Intelligence Agency, the spying arm of the government of the United States of America, USA.

Ya Nangoloh had written more than 23 articles headlined "Expose: Nujoma's CIA connection." They had been widely published in the Windhoek Observer, before and after the 2004 Extra-Ordinary Congress. Both Grobler's aka Cobra's and Ya Nangoloh's articles favoured Hidipo Hamutenya in his bid to become SWAPO Party Presidential Candidate.

Hamutenya flopped badly and has since defected from SWAPO Party and formed his Rally for Democracy and Progress, RDP. At the RDP launch, Grobler was seen jovially chatting with Hamutenya, with an RDP flag in his pocket.

In June this year, Ya Nangoloh came up with another lie, in which he alleged that Cde Iivula-Ithana, and SWAPO Party Secretary for Youth League, SPYL, Cde Elijah Ngurare, were, through "clandestine machinations," negotiating with the government of Angola to sign an extradition treaty under which Ya Nangoloh would be "extra-ordinarily rendered to Angola to face prosecution on unspecified alleged crimes."

But Ya Nangoloh was quick to add that the "alleged crimes allegedly relate to the discovery and subsequent publication on Septem-

ber 9, 2008, of a dossier about no name graves as well as other grave human rights abuses along Namibia's northern and northeastern border between 1994 and

2003. All these allegations were proven wrong.

"I can assure you that SWAPO Party will not rest until those defamatory and libelous allegations are

14 core sectors, dealing with all aspects of the social and development sectors of the economy, carefully analyzed and pegged around pictures that make it colourful.

"I am therefore inviting you to vote for the SWAPO Party. Your vote for SWAPO Party is a vote for a secure future, peace and prosperity," said President Pohamba.



Tobby Aupindi and Dr. Elijah Ngurare and his wife at their wedding. Photo by Levi Upula.



Men of the people: Cde Piet van der Walt at Cde Elijah Ngurare's wedding. Van der Walt is on the list of SWAPO Party candidates for the National Assembly seats. Photo by Levi Upula.



IUM Vice Chancellor, Dr. David Namwandi and Minister of Youth, Culture and National Service, Willem Konjore, being treated to various cultural lyrics. Photo by Levi Upula.



Cultural Festival: The International University of Management, IUM, hosted its annual Cultural Festival this week. Various cultural groups from all the regions performed at the event. Photo by Levi Upula.

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proven in a court of law. These are our leaders, and for them to be called CIA agents is not on," said Cde Iivula-Ithana, who is also the Minister of Justice.