The elections are over and the headlines are screaming “SWAPO swept the elections and ran over the opposition”. Indeed, this was the biggest losers in these elections were none other than the RDP who was hoping to make inroads and dent the SWAPO’s support base. RDP performed dismally in Caprivi region, Hardap and Karas regions in the south, in Erongo and could not garner enough support in Kunene, Omusati and Oshikoto provinces being arrogant towards other opposition parties with their “big brother” bullying mentality”, presumably based on their past performances in the last 14 years Presidential and National elections.

Even in the Khomas Region where they managed to capture the Windhoek East Constituency by a small margin. Besides, that constituency traditionally belonged to the opposition parties such as RFP, MAG.

COD and DTA and SWAPO Party is still running the show in the Capital City with most constituencies under its wing. RDP as the official opposition party that portrayed itself as the main contender to SWAPO Party, was totally rejected by voters in Omusati, Oshana, Oshikoto, Ohangwena and Kawango Regions, the SWAPO Party stronghold, which makes one wonders as to what happened to the talk of a “major” severe change and millions of people flocking to RDP etc?

Thus, the biggest losers were the RDP and they only have themselves to blame over the confusing messages. After that heavy blow and all the good looking talks on paper with “strategic alliances” with the RDP and talks of having won last year’s Elections are nothing but buffets. It is clear that the National and Presidential elections were not rigged as claimed by RDP because these elections are clear testimony and a vindication of what transpired last year.

Newly President Mutuma Frantz Fanon, the French Caribbean Algerian revolutionary of African descent stated, “Each generation must out of the ruins of victory, discover its mission, fulfill it or betray it”. When fourteen years ago, I was introduced to the Pan-Africanist ideology by a friend from the west-indies or Caribbean island of Saint-Lucia, Mr. Glen, little did I know that the time will come when I will be invited to be a rapporteur at a Pan-African gathering or workshop in Windhoek.

The theme of the workshop is better highlighted by the fact that I revisited a letter whose content was basically a request or call to present a paper at that workshop under the theme; Sustaining the new wave of Pan-africanism. What I found interesting in the missive is a paper by Professor Kswes Kwaan Puth titled, Keeping our eyes on the ball (2) in a form of a letter addressed to Major General (Ret) Williams, who is gracing this occasion with his presence and serves as one of this workshop’s convenor.

Such a letter, the author articulates his thoughts which, according to him, have ministered and coursed through his mind in the wake of the meeting planned to elaborate and identify a platform for ideas which could eventually feed into the 8th Pan-African Congress. The author then went on to propose a more smaller, more focused and plumbing meeting where in-depth knowledge over a defined and specified area is deliberately favored. The author also went on to caution against the catchword and slogans of “black power” and the ideology of racial holism and suggested that such a phraseology is now irrelevant in the African context to apply the slogans of 1966 by the likes of Willie Ricks and Stokely Carmichael a.k.a. Huey Tourn.

Equally perplexing to the author was the frequent race’s talk as if racism was unique and exclusive to the black-white context. The author then elaborated that Racism was directed by Hitler against European Jewry and against the Roma people (Gypsies) and Slavs, Pakistanis and Indians in Britain, Arabs in France, Turks in Germany, Moroccans in the Netherlands, Spanish settlers and Amerindians in South America, Indians and Aboriginals in Australia, Native Americans, Mexicans and Hispanics in the USA all face racism on a daily basis. Racist attitude have existed between the Chinese and Malays, Indians and Chinese in South Asia. The Japanese (Wajin) have for ages despised the Okinawans and Aims of Hokkaido and even the Burakuans or the Dubs in India and the central Asians in Russia, the Blacks in Africa systematically traded as slaves by the Arabs, or the slaves of the

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