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should be something Namibians have to teach the rest of the continent. I am damn serious about this because if we do not spread this gospel around Africa and the world beyond, we will fail in our duties to spread the gospel of democracy.

"I arrived here a week before the elections. Wherever we moved, we could see people putting on their party colours, campaigning and expanding on their party's election manifestos. What amazes me most is the disappearance of party colours when people went to vote. Nobody appeared in party colours at polling stations.

"That is very unusual and rare anywhere in the world. You people have taught us many lessons. You have conducted yourself very fairly well. There were virtually no serious incidences of violence, only emotional clashes which were kept at bay. Conducting and ending an election without any death is very rare. Pride yourself as Namibians in that regard. We have seen the worst in the world. Keep it up."

While the final results are not yet out, indications are that SWAPO Party will not only

retain its two-thirds majority but will add to the seats it currently has in the National Assembly. SWAPO Party has 55 seats in the National Assembly. It only needs 48 seats to retain its two-thirds majority.

"We have done a lot," said SWAPO Party Youth League Secretary, Cde Elijah Ngurare. "We will have more seats in the National Assembly than before. Our message during the campaign was very clear.

"We did not campaign to retain our current seats in the National Assembly. We campaigned to increase our seats. That is what we have done. The Rally for Democracy and Progress, RDP, did not campaign to be the official opposition. It campaigned to take over the government. On that score, we have shamed them."

"We have slaughtered them politically. That is the beginning of the end of RDP, whose main reason for existence was to take over the government from SWAPO Party. That will never happen. RDP will disappear in the same way the Congress of Democrats, CoD, had gone."

Swakopmund handed SWAPO Party a cool 10722 lead, with RDP trailing behind with 3073 votes. In 2004, SWAPO Party won in that area with 9525 votes, while CoD

Now the results are coming in and the writing is on the wall. SWAPO Party is cruising to an unstoppable victory. RDP is now a thief of votes from CoD, DTA and other smaller parties. However, the days of 27/28 November 2009, will never be forgotten by RDP and its imperialist donors. These are the days when the Namibian people spoke loudly against the RDP at the ballot box. Whereas this project was billed as able to break the backbone of SWAPO it has shamelessly stolen the space from other political projects. New Era was right when it predicted in one of its editorials that the elections was a race "opposition against opposition" and not against SWAPO Party.

When the political obituary of RDP is to be written, it will be said that when CoD died, RDP took over with scrap yard politicians replacing CoD in Parliament. SWAPO remains stronger...



"Don't ask me which party I have voted for. You know already," quipped SWAPO Party Vice President, Dr. Hage Geingob, shortly after he had voted last Friday. Photo by Anna Nakambale.

won with 2077 votes the same year. In the current elections, CoD just got 137 votes, down

from 2027 in 2004.

"You should note that SWAPO Party has increased its

support in that area," said one newspaper editor. "SWAPO has not lost. The biggest casu-

alty in this case is CoD. RDP only snatched votes from CoD. RDP can only claim victory over CoD, not over SWAPO Party."

"You should remember that there is a big German community in Swakopmund, which in the main never voted for SWAPO Party. Former Agriculture Minister, Anton Von Wietesheim, who is a top RDP leader, might have been instrumental in converting the German community from CoD. That is the context in which you should look at it."

In Ohangwena Region, RDP, suffered a stunning defeat. It has performed poorly in areas it has claimed to have a strong following. At Eenhana, RDP got 566 votes, while SWAPO Party got 7475. At Ongenga, SWAPO Party got 8144, while RDP got a mere 603.

ECN officials are hard at work to ensure that the final complete results are out by today, Friday. The SWAPO Party leadership is preparing a victory parade this weekend in Windhoek.

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der the veil of secrecy and dubiously registered by then Director of Elections, Mr. Phillemon Kanime. Phillemon Kanime is an RDP now.

Some Namibians found their names on a list they were not party too, but to this day RDP has never been brought to book. It was RDP which hoodwinked other opposition parties to reject NamPrint from printing ballot papers. The ballot papers subsequently were printed in South Africa. It was RDP which influenced CoD to jointly take NBC to court on account of airtime allocation. Their actions backfired miserably. Now it turns out, the wife of Hidipo Hamutenya was in charge of safekeeping the Voters' Roll. Is this not conflict of interest for Mr. Hidipo Hamutenya?



Congratulations to SWAPO Party

The Board of Directors, Management and staff of FIS wish to congratulate the SWAPO party of Namibia for the landslide victory in the 2009 Presidential and National assembly election. This is a demonstration of confidence and trust in SWAPO Party by the majority of our people to continue building Namibia and solidify democracy as well as the unity of all our people.

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