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Sweet victory

SWAPO cruises to landslide

By Asser Ntinda

SWAPO Party has successfully de-bushed Namibia's political landscape, which has seen some political encroachments rearing their ugly heads around the country, while offering no alternatives to what the ruling Party has put on the table and implemented over the past 20 years.

The Party was catapulted to victory and nowhere has it encountered any real threat throughout the regional and local authority elections. None of the opposition parties won a single constituency on its own.

They all have to merge to form a majority in Kunene Region, where the United Democratic Front, UDF, won Sesfontein, Khorixas and Kamanjab constituencies, while the DTA retained Opuwo and Epupa constituencies. SWAPO Party retained its Outjo Constituency.

Daures Constituency in Erongo has now been taken over by SWAPO Party for the first time since independence. It has been under UDF since independence. All the constituencies in Erongo Region are now under SWAPO Party.

"We are a party to reckon with," said SWAPO Party Sec-

retary General, Cde Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana in an interview aired after the results. "This is sweet victory for SWAPO Party. The results of these elections are more or less the same like those of last year. Are the opposition parties now going to challenge these results in court again?"

Cde Iivula-Ithana said that she did not have enough words to thank the voters because what they had done was a commendable job which had made SWAPO Party proud, and no words could describe how she and the entire leadership were happy and delighted by the landslide victory.

"Our people have voted consistently for a good cause," she said. "They have put their trust and confidence in SWAPO Party, and they have been doing so for many years. SWAPO



RDP being clobbered. SWAPO Party thoroughly beats splinter groups, like RDP. You are no exception. Owadimbwa nayini? (When did you forget?)

Party is committed to delivering on its promises, as it has done in the past.

"If the people continue to put

their trust in SWAPO Party as they have shown in these elections, we will arrive at the vision we have set ourselves, that

of being an industrialized country by 2030, as outlined in our Vision 2030."

She particularly thanked the

business communities who had gone out of their way to render material support, especially

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Democracy, an internal development process

THIS is the full text of an intervention made by President Mugabe on the occasion of the 3rd Africa-EU Summit in Tripoli, Libya, on November 20, 2010.

ON this occasion of the 3rd Summit of leaders of our two regions, may I begin by joining those who spoke before me in expressing deep gratitude to the Brother Leader and to the people of Libya for the very warm hospitality that has been accorded to me and my delegation since our arrival in Tripoli.

We greatly appreciate the careful arrangements that have been

made to give us congenial conditions to hold our deliberations.

Mr Chairperson, the many who have already spoken have made assessments of the progress made so far in each of the partnerships on our agenda and stressed the importance of turning into reality the areas of co-operation which we have agreed on.

However, as far as our partnership on good governance and hu-

man rights is concerned, the declaration that we adopt today as well as to some extent the Second Plan of Action, do not reflect the debate that has taken place on the floor.

This is because these documents were finalised by experts long before we came to this meeting.

He hope is that consideration will be given to improving our management of the partnership in so far as it affects the final out-

comes of our deliberations.

I say this, Mr Chairman, because a number of African speakers have made critical comments about what amounts to double standards in European views of democracy and human rights, about the failure to respect the cultural diversity of African societies including religious and political systems and practices.

Genuine democratic governance cannot and will not be a product of processes engendered

by outsiders for Africans on the basis of values outsiders seek to inculcate.

It can only be a product of the internal process of development in a country.

In Europe, democratic governance came out of a long history of bloody wars and other forms of struggle.

In Africa, our history of struggles for freedom from colo-

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