

NSHR coffers dry up

By Asser Ntinda

The coffers of the National Society for Human Rights, NSHR, have dried up and its employees have not been paid for nine months. This came about following NSHR's careless and reckless utterances over the past years.

Donor funds which have sustained the NSHR are now short in supply largely because countries which were channeling the money to NSHR have grown tired of NSHR's lies, fabrications and anti-government utterances, especially by its Executive Director, Phil Ya Nangoloh.

"I can confirm that," said one NSHR employee. "We have not been paid for nine months now and it does not look like we will be paid anytime soon. There is no money. Countries



Phil Ya Nangoloh

that usually fund NSHR say that we have become too political

and no longer concentrate on human rights issues.

"We behave as if we are an opposition party, mainly targeting SWAPO Party and the government. That has annoyed our donors who do not want to be seen to be undermining democracy. They say they do not want to be part of our lies."

What particularly seems to have offended the donors are fabricated stories which Ya Nangoloh drums up to justify NSHR existence. Sources said that the mass graves in the north and north-eastern parts of the country which Ya Nangoloh churned out in 2008 proved disastrous for NSHR.

"Ya Nangoloh dramatized the whole story and it really sounded as if it was true," said one diplomat who spoke on condition of anonymity. "But things turned out to be untrue. We were taken for a ride by this man.

"Police investigation revealed that the graves which Ya Nangoloh was talking about were known. There were no secret graves as Ya Nangoloh had alleged. We were embarrassed and our government back home ordered a review of our assistance to NSHR."

In the report, titled "Enforced Disappearances: Discovery of 'No Name' Gravesites," Ya Nangoloh claimed that there were "reasonable grounds" to

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Secretary General, Cde Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana introducing SWAPO Party candidate, Cde Steve Biko Booyis. Photo by Levi Upula.

The battle for Okahandja

SWAPO's Booyis set to win by-election

Levi Upula

As the countdown to this month's by-election in Okahandja Constituency draws near, SWAPO Party is in no doubt about its election victory.



Cde Immanuel Ngatjizeko, Leader of National Leaders assigned to Otjozondjupa Region, and SWAPO Party Secretary General, Cde Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana. Photo by Levi Upula.

Two star rallies which SWAPO Party has held so far over the past two weeks indicate that the Party is headed for a landslide victory, even if opposition parties combine and support one candidate.

"Here we mean business," said Cde Immanuel Ngatjizeko, Leader of the National Leaders assigned to Otjozondjupa Region, before he introduced SWAPO Party Secretary General, Cde Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana.

"We will defeat them all. They know that they can't defeat SWAPO Party. We are the people and the people are SWAPO. I urge all of you to come out in your thousands to go and cast your votes on February 24, 2010. Vote for SWAPO Party. Vote for Cde Booyis"

The Stadium where the star rally was held was full to ca-

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Measle mass vaccination in Opuwo

By Levi Upula

Government is to start a mass vaccination campaign against measles in Opuwo District following the outbreak of measles four months ago. The mass vaccination targets the entire population in Opuwo District.

Health and Social Services Deputy Minister of Defence, Minister Dr Richard Nchabi Victor Simunja, flew to Kamwi accompanied by the Opuwo on Tuesday to announce the campaign.

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