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The Mbanderu burial battle rages

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The funeral of leader of one of the two factions battling for control over the Ovambanderu Community has sparked more fire into the already deeply divided Ovambanderu Community.

The late Peter Nguvauva became an acting chief for one faction, which is also supported by the Deputy Minister of Fish-

eries and Marine Resources, Kilus Nguvauva, after the death of Ovambanderu Paramount Chief, Munjuku II Nguvauva, they appointed the late Peter Nguvauva as an interim chief.

It is therefore clearly evident that the late acting Chief acted for one group only. It is illogical to say that the late Peter Nguvauva was an acting chief for the Ovambanderu Tradi-

tional Authority. The Deputy Minister and their spokesperson know very well that the Ovambanderu community are divided; the other faction is led by Chief Keharanjo II Nguvauva.

I am amazed by what the spokesperson, Jarurakouje Nguvauva, an RDP Epukiro Regional council constituency candidate, and the Deputy Minister faction are saying. Today

they forget that it was them who went to request the government to come up with the moratorium, that stopped the Ovambanderu to visit any of the sacred places, evidences are there.

They went to the Government, today they are accusing it of being one sided and turning a blind to the Mbanderu Issue. They stopped the Ovambanderu Community

from visiting sacred sites. This happened to sons, relatives, brothers and the entire community would not visit their sacred places where they usually go to pray for their being.

The spokesperson and his faction seem to be out of their wits, they lost their intellect, and how would you put up rules and break them yourself? It's a pity that the whole thing involves some one's death and one would want to comfort the bereaved family, but it's unfortunate, others are using the funeral issue as a political platform

which is shocking and awful.

The Kilus-Nguvauva faction last week accused SWAPO Party and the government of being indecisive in the Issue of Ovambanderu, we do not know where SWAPO comes in? SWAPO has nothing to do with your Traditional Issues, who are you scaring? SWAPO member stand firm and united and mind you they don't mix matters with their support to SWAPO. One can see you are using RDP politics, from your language, using words such as lacking focus and vision.

The same spokesperson was being used, may be to advance some one's interest. By now, as a bereaved member of the family, he should have been seated at home waiting to be comforted by members of different communities.

Now he is busy campaigning, using his fathers' death to win over people. We know very well that RDP does not have issue to present to people in the coming elections. That's why they are using anything at their disposal to stop elections.

The spokesperson perhaps wants to fool his factions, maybe it's their style of politics, fooling people to them would make people believe them. Mind you, there are few fools in the world, ask the leaders of the apartheid, who used to fool people. Where are they now? And apartheid is dead. Time for cheap politics has passed. We are now looking at what would make this country develop like developed nations.

Jarurakouje and your leaders, when you prohibited the community to visit any of the sacred sites of Ovambanderu, you rejoiced, not knowing that you are shooting yourself in the foot. It was silly for someone to make a statement such as the one you issued last week, while you know very well that the issue of the Ovambanderu is before the court and the Ministry of Regional and Local Government, Housing and Rural Development, are they not arms of the state?

As an RDP member you should know the functions of the Judicial, stop your attacks on SWAPO and the Government please, they not the root cause of your problems. You created it. So eat it and your faction.

The spokesperson for Hon. Kilus Nguvauva faction is there to mislead our SWAPO Party members in their faction. Regrettably, a man of his status would allow his father's death to be used as a bait to catch fish; it is repugnant to use a dead body to lure people, especially when the funeral is of your father. If RDP uses such type of politics, then I am sorry. Jarurakouje stop telling people babyish, impractical and childish politics. You should allow your people to pay respect to late Peter Nguvauva and the bereaved family.

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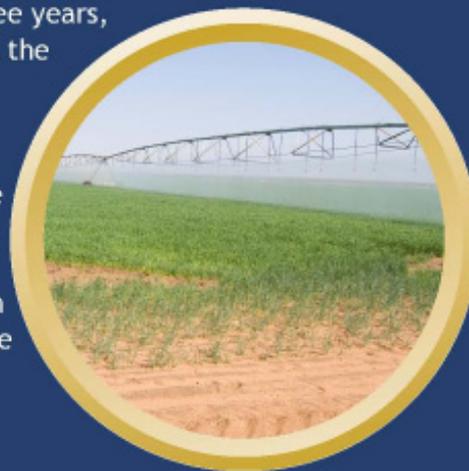
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