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'We are on course,' says President

Billions earmarked for development projects

By Asser Ntinda

Namibia is set to spend billions of dollars on development projects across the country to improve the living standards of the people and accelerate poverty reduction measures with Vision 2030 in mind.

This was the central theme around which this year's President Hifikepunye Pohamba's State of the Nation Address was anchored, giving hope and telling Namibians not to despair, but to look forward to a brighter



President Hifikepunye Pohamba and better future.

"We will do our utmost best

to realize the aspirations of all our people," said President Pohamba on Tuesday when delivered the address in Parliament. "We will utilize public resources to improve the living conditions of our people. I call upon all Namibians to join me and our government in this noble quest."

The 22-page address outlined several development projects that had already been financed and the ones where funding was still being sourced. Most of the projects mentioned were in ru-

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National Council Chairperson, Asser Kapere, President Hifikepunye Pohamba and Burundian President, Pierre Nkurunziza, at a State Banquet hosted in his honour at Safari Hotel. See story on page 2. Photo by Levi Upula.

PM to shuffle PSs

Prime Minister Nahas Angula is set to shuffle several permanent secretaries and appoint new ones today, Friday, to replace those who would not be reappointed and those who are going on retirement.

It is not yet clear which permanent secretaries will move but the "rearrangement," as the Prime Minister's Office calls the process, will see several of them moving from one ministry to another ministry or agency.

The reshuffle has been on the card for some time now. Shortly after President Hifikepunye Pohamba announced his new Cabinet

this year, speculations have been rife that permanent secretaries, too, would change.

A one paragraph media release from the Prime Minister's Office on Wednesday simply invited the media to attend a media briefing by Prime Minister Angula on re-deployment of permanent secretaries.

Education Permanent Secretary

Vitalis Ankama is going on retirement and is not keen to have some years added to his service. He has been with the Ministry of Education since independence.

He moved to the Ministry of Higher Education and Employment Creation in 1995 when the Education Ministry was split into

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Cuba accuses German foundation of CIA links



President Raul Castro

HAVANA, — Cuba accused the German foundation Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

(KAS) of maintaining close ties with the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

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US soldier in WikiLeaks massacre video: "I relive this every day"

By Bill Van Auken

Iraq war veteran Ethan McCord, who is seen running with an Iraqi child in his arms in the video posted by WikiLeaks of a July 2007 massacre of civilians in Baghdad, talked to the *World Socialist Web Site* about the impact of this and similar experiences in Iraq.

The video, which records the shocking deaths of at least 12 individuals, including two Iraqi journalists employed by Reuters, has been viewed more than 6 million times on the Internet.

To the Iraqi people taking responsibility for their role in this incident and other acts of violence. Both soldiers deployed to Iraq in 2007 and left the Army last year.



Ethan McCord

In the letter, McCord and Stieber said, "...we acknowledge our part

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