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contributions on the web as they are read world-wide.

- ◆ **Posted by Lazarus**
Viva best ever satire viva!!!, come november it is a total control of the swapo party.
- ◆ **Posted by Amunjela**
OSWAPO oya kindja - not matter what they say about SWAPO, come november we will destroy them at the ballot boxes.
- ◆ **Posted by Maria Gertze, Luderitz**
I have been enjoying the various contributions by our comrade on various political issues on our website, keep it up! Viva SWAPO Party! My only advice is to check the spelling whenever we post our

◆ **Posted by Cde. Kanamutenya**
I understand the ECN had revoke the tender for the printing of ballot paper which was awarded to Namprint, I hope they did what they did as an independent body of course, and this show how democracy we are in Namibia, and I hope Namprint may not waste money in take it to court, that what the opposition wants, they are jealousy with the Mighty SWAPO for having company that make the party stronger! Let us ignore their provocation and continue with our journey, come November Omayoka

otaakaza mumwe nomihuya,yo Omapu Taazi mumwe neengongo! SWAPO okwa

kiinnndja Mombanda!!!!!

Ongonyo

◆ **Posted by Cde. Masanga**

I want to congratulate the person who came up with the satire. It is simply the best!!!!!! Viva SWAPO

ENHANCING FOREIGN RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION: THE SWAPO-PARTY FOREIGN POLICY VISION

By Jeroboam Shaanika

In the run up to elections, each party has to lay out its plans for the electorates to decide, which party is likely to reflect their hopes and aspirations. In many countries the field of foreign policy does not usually attract attention of the votes, with the exception of some countries like USA. Reading through the SWAPO-Party 2009 Manifesto, one discovers that it is clearly aligned with the provision of Article 96 of the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia. The Mani-

festos is a promissory note of the contract between SWAPO and the people of Namibia. The SWAPO-Party has reiterated that "Regional Integration remains a priority in our foreign relations"¹. As stated in NDP3 "the Key Result Area (KRA) on Regional and International Stability and Integration is derived from Vision 2030 objectives of achieving stability..."². This is within the wider context of Vision 2030 to create "a new international order based on sovereign equality of nations, where sustainable development, peace and human progress is ensured"³. This demonstrates that the Foreign Policy will continue to be aligned to the objectives of Vision 2030, National Development Plans and other national strategic goals. The promotion of good neighbourliness and international goodwill are some of important commitments forming a cornerstone of the SWAPO led government's foreign policy. President Hifikepunye Pohamba in his introductory message to the 2009 Manifesto reiterated that "The SWAPO Party remains committed to a foreign policy that supports good neighbourliness, peaceful co-existence and cooperation"⁴. The Manifesto also made it clear that the commitment of the SWAPO led government to the SADC will remain unshaken. Hence the 2009 Manifesto states that "The SWAPO Party remains committed to the regional economic integration through the strengthening of SACU and SADC as the building blocks towards the unity of the African continent and economic development"⁵. This means, Namibia will continue to play her meaningful role within the SADC structures in order to promote peace, regional integration and development.

Again President Hifikepunye Pohamba re-emphasized that "The SWAPO-Party will continue to promote democracy, peace, stability, protection of the territorial integrity of Namibia and defend the unity of our people as symbolized by our battle cry of 'One Namibia, One Nation'⁶. This is an indication that the Foreign Policy will continue to draw legitimacy from the foundation of democracy, international law and the genuine desire of the people of Namibia. In the next five years, SWAPO has committed itself to pursue a Foreign Policy which, will continue to draw inspiration from the lesson of the history of Namibia's liberation struggle, international solidarity, as well as the supreme sacrifices made by the martyrs of anti-imperialist struggle and those of the liberation struggle in Namibia. This is clearly stated on page 36 of the 2009 Manifesto as well as on the message from the President paying homage to heroes and heroines who sacrificed for the independence. President Pohamba went further to underscore that "It is for these historical realities that the SWAPO Party remains

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"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing!" 2 Timothy 4:7-8

HERO'S FUNERAL

of
Late Hon. Rev. Dr. Kaptein Hendrik Witbooi
* Minister of Labour and Manpower Development, 1990 - 1995
* First Deputy Prime Minister, 1995 - 2005

* Born: 07 January 1934
† Died: 13 October 2009

Memorial Service
Parliament Gardens
Windhoek
Friday, 23 October 2009

Burial Service
Gibeon Cemetery
Gibeon
Sunday, 25 October 2009

Tributes

- On behalf of the Gibeon Community, PLAN fighters based in Gibeon, and AMEPS teachers and learners by Hon. Jerry Ekandjo, Minister of Regional and Local Government, Housing and Rural Development
- Choral by AMEPS students: *Let us hear the conclusion*
- On behalf of the family by Mr. Francis Kooper
- On behalf of the Widow by Rev. Penias Eduard Topnaar
- Poem by Mr. Fritz Isak Dirkse
- Choral by the SWAPO Party: *Ada /haore Namibia! /aroma*
- Message by His Excellency Dr. Sam Nujoma, Founding President and Father of the Namibian Nation
- Choral by /Khowese Clan: *Osire*
- Message by His Excellency Mr. Hifikepunye Pohamba, President of the Republic of Namibia
- Choral by the family: *!Oaba, Tsaba, Tsaba*
- Announcement by Director of Ceremonies
- Doxology and Benediction by Bishop Wilfred J Messiah of the A M E Church
- AU and National Anthems
- Viewing of the body

19h00 End of the Programme

Part B

Programme – Burial Service
25 October 2009

Directors of Ceremonies:

- Hon. Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, MP, Speaker of the National Assembly and President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union
- Hon. Ms. Marlene Mungunda, MP, Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare

Time Event

- 06:30 Arrival of the Public
- 07:00 Arrival of Dignitaries
- 08:45 Casket leaves the Witbooi family residence
- 09:00 Casket arrives at Gibeon Cemetery
 - General Salute: Guard of Honour
 - National and AU Anthems
 - Remarks by the Director of Ceremonies
 - Hymn/Choir

Part A

Programme – Memorial Service
23 October 2009

Directors of Ceremonies:

- Hon. Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, MP, Speaker of the National Assembly and President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

Time Event

- 14:00 Arrival of the Public
- 14:05 Arrival of the Service Chiefs
- 14:10 Arrival of Dignitaries
- 14:15 Arrival of Members of the Diplomatic Corps
- 14:20 Arrival of Cabinet Members and Members of Parliament
 - Arrival of the Hon. Chief Justice
 - Arrival of the Hon. Chairman of the National Council
 - Arrival of the Hon. Speaker of the National Assembly
 - Arrival of the Hon. Deputy Prime Minister
- 14:40 Arrival of the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister
- 14:45 Arrival of His Excellency Dr. Sam Nujoma, Founding President and Father of the Namibian Nation
- 14:50 Arrival of H.E. Hifikepunye Pohamba, President of the Republic of Namibia
- 14:50 Arrival of Casket
- 15:00 National and AU Anthems
 - Welcoming Remarks by the Director of Ceremonies
 - Hymn: *What a friend we have in Jesus*
 - Scripture Lesson by Bishop Wilfred J Messiah of the A M E Church
 - Exhortation by Bishop Wilfred J Messiah of the A M E Church
 - Prayer by Bishop Wilfred J Messiah of the A M E Church
 - Choral by Big K's- /!Khowa Am and Harmonizers: *Ave Verum*
 - Poem by Ms. Dorothy Davids
 - Eulogy by H.E. Salomon J Witbooi, Namibian High Commissioner to the Republic of Zambia
 - Choral by /Khowese Clan: *Tsuse ge di Eloba*

Messages by Representatives of Political Parties in Parliament

- Republican Party
- Monitor Action Group
- National Unity Democratic Organisation
- United Democratic Front
- DTA of Namibia
- Congress of Democrats
- SWAPO Party
- Choral by Evelyn M. Witbooi JR: *Count your Blessings*

Laying of Wreaths

- Mrs. Johanna Sophia Witbooi, Widow
- H.E. Hifikepunye Pohamba, President of the Republic of Namibia
- H.E. Dr. Sam Nujoma, Founding President and Father of the Namibian Nation
- Rt. Hon. Nahas Angula, MP, Prime Minister of the Republic of Namibia
- Hon. Theo-Ben Gurirab, MP, Speaker of the National Assembly and President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union
- Hon. Peter Shivute, Chief Justice of the Republic of Namibia
- Maj. Gen. Peter Nambundunga, Acting Chief of the Defence Force
- Hon. Mr. Ben Ulenga, MP, Leader of the Official Opposition
- King Elifas Kauluma, Chairman of the Council of Traditional Leaders
- H. E. Mr. Manuel Alexandre Duarte Rodrigues, Ambassador of the Republic of Angola and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps
- His Royal Highness, Mr. Christian Rool, Acting Captain of the /Khowese Traditional Authority
- Announcements by the Directors of Ceremonies
- AU and National Anthems
- The President departs
- The Founding President and Father of the Namibian Nation departs
- The Prime Minister departs followed by other dignitaries

11:00 End of Programme

Pallbearers to serve alongside the Namibia Defence Force are:

- Rt. Hon. Nahas Angula
- Hon. Libertina Amathila
- Hon. Hage Geingob
- Hon. Jerry Ekandjo
- Hon. Petrus Ilonga
- Hon. Asser Kapere
- Hon. Immanuel Ngatjizeko
- Hon. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah