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school, we must not aim for good salary to satisfy our need only but we must aim for the one that will satisfy our needs and the nations need too. When you earn much and help others to get out of a problem in a proper way that's a right thing to do and our government must try to be on our side always because if its not doing so, then it won't take us anywhere. When one have a good idea that can help the nation, let's stop undermining the person instead give our support to the person. Let Politic too not to stop our young engineers, doctors, scientists, geologist etc from invest their knowledge into their lovely motherland, what will benefit the whole Nation must be taken into consideration seriously!

Immanuel Kadhila
Cde VN, you are right. It is up to us to develop Namibia. Seriously, I am not sure why we have vision 2030. The way I see it: we come up with vision 2030 for other nations to come achieve it on our behalf because we are forever begging, and we are forever spending on useless projects which are not even stated in Vision 2030. Can our leaders please read the book called "Dead Aid" by Dambisa Moyo.

One day I sat with the former Boss for BON and he was reading the NDP II bible. And then he turn to me and say: "Namibia have good policies in place and well written. But does these top guys in the Government still remember all these details, because what they do is not what is in these books". I so much believe him, and i think people of his thinking should be encouraged to come in public and say what they think about government policies. Come on Cde's, it is time the top people realise that the young people are fed up, they want to go to university, they have good business ideas, poor people wants BIG, but there is no money, instead there is money for Mercedes and for N\$200 000 for 60 000 comrades. uh.....

Please: first thing first: Send everybody who qualify to University for free, Bring ever body's life to a good living standard by giving them BIG, Give educated young people priority to national projects with well defined rules and regulation, the list goes on, then we can talk about other things such as GDP, inflation, vision 2030 and other things that people at the grassroots don't even understand.

Lydia Aiping
@Ailonga perhaps you should also know that in general discussions like this where one does not have specific baselines to refer to generalisation to population is inevitably unavoidable! just as you said "we undermine our fellow blacks"; of course not all fellow blacks are undermined by their black fellows; yet you've generalised; but we get the point anyway...@Kadhila; that's very eye-opening; super contributions and observations of the 'naked reality' on the ground, I may say!

Cadas Haindongo
Sometimes we are also ignorant. We are not keen to know about certain issues. How many of us know how to go about GIPF loans, conservancy grants, tourism

funding & Agri loans from Agribank, cargo & customs clearing agency, MCA livestock grants, bridging finance from DBN, Scania trucks financing just a few to mention? We just concentrate on bars, roulettes, estate agent and we saturate these markets. We don't diversify

Immanuel Kadhila
Cadas, You have got a point, BUT: Ask me or any other ordinary Namibian out there about those things 1 out of 10 people will say they know. WHY? Because there is no public education in Namibia especially when it comes to business and national projects. Things are well written in the policies and they stay there. While ignorance is a chief genetic makeup of our population, I think I will blame policy maker also. Only "people with Names" knows these things, of which many are BEE beneficiaries already.

To give you a general example: when we were still in Junior and High school, when a Girl fall pregnant she will always be sent home and in most cases she will never go back to school in her life time. BUT, as i only came to know few years ago, a pregnant lady can go to school until that time she is about to deliver and she can come back at the same school after a year of taking care of the child without even applying because her place will be reserved for her. Did the principals communicated that to the masses? The same story for school fees and school uniform. These days I met a lady who was paid for by the Government to go to TUCSIN because she does not have her parents, does anybody knows the Government can do that. To be honest, it is my first time to hear some of those things you just mentioned there, but not because i don't want to know them but because I don't know whether they exist. What is wrong with spending money on educating the public about the government policies just like we do with HIV/AIDS, or Political Campaigns? What's wrong with Cde Pohamba instead of travelling every month to outside countries for reason not known to the public, to go around the country just like he did during the election campaign and tell the public about what they are entitled to and how they can go about it, or even to use the radio...uh

CADAS, I still concur with you though that we are Ignorant. You have got a good point.

Thresia Nepolo
Thank you Cde for bringing up this interesting issue. Blacks we undermine ourselves and afraid of challenges. we don't trust each others and don't like see a fellow black person succeeding that's why we are having a lot of unsuccessful sole traders in our country.

Tjitunga Elijah Ngurare
Wow, my good comrades and compatriots thank you for educating me about you and me (blacks). Cde. Kadhila well said. Long time Cde Thresia, hope Okalongo is well especially the "SWAPO Street...lol"

Cadas Haindongo
And the 1st thing a black person does after reaping the 1st profits is to buy n expensive car or a mansion

Tjitunga Elijah Ngurare
That is a good one Cde Cadas, you

then agree with what Cde Pewa said last night...:-) She spoke very well, I must add.

Cadas Haindongo
Ya it was a good one from Cde Pewa

Immanuel Kadhila
You are welcome Cde Ngurare, youths need to engage in more constructive discussions like this.

Etuna Josua
I think the core assumption needs to be tested with statistical data, before deep analysis may be attempted from various perspectives.

Johanna Tshekupe Valombola
Blacks like short cuts, instead of working harder from the scratch and lack of resources to start whatever a person intend to do, is a challenge

Hobie Clark
Interesting reading! But after having read what you guys (am not a "comrade", just a human being) have said, there is one thing that comes to my mind: STOP this victim of this-and-that-talk! First y'all blames apartheid (20 plus years after it's gone) and then it's the "whites" fault and if that isn't enough then it's the other black peoples fault... See More. For how long will it keep on being "someone elses fault"? Sorry people, but wherever you are on the earth, life is tough! Another interesting thing some of you takes up: Black people who don't want to work (as "domestics") in other black peoples houses. I have heard about that and finds it totally hilarious! Why is it like that? Is it a tribal thing or is it a status thing? The "higher up" person treating the "lower" person like crap just because he/she is higher? Weird indeed, I must say. I have a lady (black) that works in my house which I treat as a human being. She's a good worker so she gets "perks" but she earns it, she doesn't get it because she is black"previously disadvantaged", she earns (through hard work/honesty) it! I come from a culture where you treat everyone the same, doesn't matter if the person is Elijah Ngurare or the one who is cleaning my house! Maybe the Namibian people (or some, at least) should learn to do that too. Just my 5 cents in the middle of the night. :-)

Etuna Josua
I have not read all posts on this subject, but I am confident that not all of the contributors blame apartheid in any way (in fact I dare to invite that I be proven wrong!). Hence I find strange that an assertion is made thus: "First y'all blames apartheid..." I for one did not even mention anything about apartheid in my contribution.

However, I... See More do know that many a times when a person is feeling guilty in connection with something, they often kind of "jump the gun" and try to 'explain' something which is not placed in issue in the first place. But, then again it is a free country and all comments are welcome, whether defensive or not. It is however preferable that one does not consciously impute ideas onto others. I rest my keyboard!

Hobie Clark
Etuna: If you're talking about me then you are wrong. It's technically impossible that I am guilty of being part of apartheid. Simple as that. :-) Take care!

Congrants Governor

I wish to thank the Governor of the Bank of Namibia for having contemplated much deeper about the selling way our only bank that we are proud of as a nation. We are proud of you Governor Iipumbu Shiimi. A nation cannot possess anything if it is not protected by us or the law.

We thank you for having declined the acquisition of majority shares in the Bank Windhoek parent Company, Capricorn Investment Holding, which was to be sold to a South African company Absa.

This was the greatest move of the year. We need to liberate our self economically. We should

know that we are in the second Phase of our struggle; which is economic Independence.

Therefore we should work towards that goal. Mbwae, Ipumbu Shiimi we are with you.

By Kahepurirue Muzeu

Zimbabwe President Mugabe invites Chinese businesses to invest in infrastructure

HARARE, — Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe on Wednesday urged Chinese businesses to invest in developing infrastructure in the various productive sectors of the economy for the country to develop rapidly and turn its fortunes around.

Mugabe made the call when he met with visiting Chinese delegation that is in the country for the 8th session of the Zimbabwe-China Joint Commission. "The land which was in the hands of the British colonialists we took it and gave it to our people. Our people are now the farmers and not only do they need equipment, technology and inputs they need necessary capital invested to capacitate them," he said.

Mugabe said Zimbabwe needs investment in agricultural infrastructure in different sub sectors, namely tobacco, cotton, maize, livestock and horticulture.

He said the infrastructure



President Robert Mugabe

would enable the sectors to expand and meet the domestic and export requirements. The country also needs to revamp the irrigation systems and this required capital, he said.

Mugabe urged China to also invest in other key economic sectors such as mining and manufacturing. "We also have the mining sector

Angolan riot police told to keep ready to maintain law and order

LUANDA, — General Commander of Angola's National Police Ambrosio de Lemos on Wednesday urged the riot police to stand ready to against any emerging violence and safeguard the society, although the country has been politically and economically stable since the civil war ended in 2002.

He made the appeal in a keynote speech at the opening session of the 7th Broad Consultative Council of that operative organ of the General Command of

the National Police, which was held under the theme "Riot police ready for the challenges of peace."

"The riot police in the past were mainly tasked with defending the territory along with the Angolan Armed Forces, and today this organ fits better to the great moment of peace and national reconstruction," emphasised the police chief.

He stressed the role of the 100.000- member-strong National Police is to maintain order, physical and property integrity of citizens, fight against crime in all manifesta-

tions. Ambrosio de Lemos expressed concern over the increase over the last two months of armed robberies in homes and commercial outlets.

Riot police groups the Anti-Terrorist Units (UAT), Anti-disorder Units (UAD) and Armoured Vehicle unit (UVB).

The three-day event is analysing the activities carried out last year and outline actions for 2010. (Xinhua)

Russia slams Clinton statement on Georgia "occupation"

MOSCOW, — The Foreign Ministry on Wednesday slammed a recent statement of U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton referring to Moscow's "occupation" of Georgia as "absolutely baseless."

"Secretary of State Clinton used the term 'occupation' in this context without any reason," the ministry said in a statement.

The ministry pointed out that no Russian servicemen were currently deployed in Georgia, but rather some "military contingents" are in Georgia's two breakaway regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia.

Those two regions "seceded

from Georgia as a result of the aggression, unleashed by the (Georgian President Mikhail) Saakashvili regime," the statement said. "We expect that our partners will take account of this objective reality."

When paying a one-day visit to Tbilisi, the last leg of her blitz tour to five nations in Eastern Europe and Transcaucasia, Clinton said at a press conference with Saakashvili that "the United States is steadfast in its commitment to Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity."

"We continue to call for Russia to abide by the August 2008 ceasefire commitment... including

by ending the occupation and withdrawing Russian troops from South Ossetia and Abkhazia to their pre-conflict positions," she said.

Russia and Georgia fought a five-day war in August 2008, when Georgia attacked South Ossetia, a Georgian rebel republic, to retake the renegade region that borders Russia. In response, Moscow sent in troops to drive Georgian forces out of the region.

Russia recognized Abkhazia and South Ossetia as independent states on Aug. 26, 2008, two weeks after the conflict ended.

Georgia and the West have condemned Russia's plans for a military presence in Abkhazia, which they consider sovereign Georgian land. (Xinhua)