

Comments

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Indians...! The aspect of evicting people and the manner in which the city management does it, is wrong. I like what Cde Kafita had to say about reminding city councillors "to feel the hands that feeds u to the gravy train u are riding now..."

◆ **Margaret Mensah-Williams**

I concur Cde Tjitunga, Cde Rachel and Cde Mandela in addition, let me say Windhoek can be the cleanest city in Africa because our poor people in the informal settlements are poor but clean, you don't need to be rich to be clean, you can be rich and dirty lol. I took some friends for a drive in Otjomuise 7de,8ste,9de and 10de laan in my constituency Khomasdal-north, which is our informal settlement and they were saying "Whow these people are so poor and yet so neat and tidy, look how they painted their schaks and plant nice flowers to make it look nice and see how they cleaned their yards, its impressive" Let us also agree to campaign on keeping your city clean was and still is the best adhered too because people took ownership of it and the proper consultation was done, however it is the people who adhere to their own decision, unlike some other decisions the city take top-down which are not so good, bottom line they are not the best councillors by times but some are trying.....we can still do better lol

◆ **Ndumba J. Kamwanyah**

@yaya, I have heard that before, but sometimes I wonder what it means! Could it be that WHK city is small in comparison with other African cities? But I have to agree that it seems that the City Councillors pay more attention on WHK than our Katutura and Khomasdal! I wonder why don't Katutura and Khomasdal have separate (or do they?) City Councillors and municipalities-they are big enough to meet the requirements.

◆ **Mulife Muchali Sr.**

Dr. Ngurare, thanks for the enegerzing platform - keep up the good work!

◆ **Eddie Kafita**

I must confess that Dokotola Tjitunga have set up a brilliant fundamental platform for those of us at the end of the hierarchy...i salute u cde.tjitunga...you indeed a prominent and great leader in the making...keep up the breath and do us... proud...i/we are your followers...my concern however is who will take over from you?i know this is not for me to decide but it has been a talk in our circles recently...my cde.u have just awaken and re-affirmed belief in youth politics in your tenure... no disrespect to your predecessors....i am proud and honored to have a leader in you...the fear that is in us as to who will be the next president of this very nation after cde. HE.honourable Hifikepunye Pohamba is almost the same fear as to who will take over from cde.Ngurare....i salute you all cde's

◆ **Elizabeth Kakukuru**

This is a nice one Cde. Tjitunga. I always tell my fellow Namibians that we can only appreciate Namibia and being Namibian after we have traveled widely and

see what our fellow African countries (cities) have. Its a pity bro Muchali that y...ou re making reference to DRC, to be honest I cannot make any comparison of squatter camps in DRC to nything that I have seen in Namibia not only WHK but even our Sauyemwa and Kehemu in Rundu is non-comparable. We should be honest and give credit where it is due. I have friends from outside who call Windhoek "An Artificial African city" and they have many reasons to say that. WINDHOEK still remains the cleanest city in Africa compared to at least those ones that I have seen and our City Councillor should be applauded for the work very well done. I remember we took some visitors to some squatter on the outskirts of Windhoek and we could not believe our eyes those places were so clean and they have planted plants and flowers and the places look so tidy and clean.

◆ **Tjitunga Elijah Ngurare**

Nhi yaya, there are over 10 City councillors majority of whom are on the ticket of SWAPO Party. We met up with the Party councillors recently and I got the sense that they are very interested and serious to deliver the services to the people in Katutura, Khomasdal and others. But there appears to be a disconnection between the technocrats and politicians...lol @thank you Mr. Muchali Sr, that is the objective and through it i am learning too @Cde Kafita thank you for the radiant accolades, not sure I deserve them all, i think what we have tried to do is to provide and create space wherein the talent and leadership qualities of SPYL leaders could be realised...in that regard, I trust there are many who are ready to take over from me and others...lol...i think it was Winston Churchill who once said "real leaders of men are not those who come forward offering to lead, but it is those who show the way, and when it has been found to lead to victory, they step aside for others..." I hope that is what we have done. @Ngapi Elizabeth nare waka tengura ko DRC? you are spot on in your analysis..it is a fitting description of a "An Artificial African city", but to us we have a number of them...Arandis...Swakopmund, K e e t m a n s h o o p , Walvisbay...and...Ongwediva...how about saying NAMIBIA IS THE CLEANEST COUNTRY IN AFRICA...LOL

◆ **Titus Endjala**

Windhoek is clean, orderly and I agree, BUT what is in equation? Ndumba has a point. Windhoek has a population of just less than 300,000 people, Gaborone 200,000, JHB 8.5 million, Kinshasa 8.9 million, Capetown 4 million, Accra 3.4 million, Nairobi 3.5 million, Dar es Salaam 3.2 million, Luanda 3.2 million, Harare 2.3 million, Lusaka 1.8 million, Lagos 12 million, Cairo 15 million. Somebody need to explain the parameters.

For those who concern that Katutura and other low class areas are still dirty, remember that Namibia has a capitalist economy, and in this model it is fair for Katutura to be a bit dirtier than Ausbrick or Olympia. Our City Councillors and Ministers are very unfortunat to be just the "foreman" of the big "guys" in charge of the economy. We are reminded about the story of animal farm here that ... all are equal but some are more equal than others. The City

Councillors are more concerned about the safety and wellbeing of our very few millionaires - too bad but it is a common practice.

◆ **Elizabeth Kakukuru**

Thats the better description cde Tjitunga like you have put it NAMIBIA IS THE CLEANEST COUNTRY IN AFRICA". na ka tengura nare ko DRC hewa. Kwina nkenda sili vantu moruhepo rorudona ngwendi kapi si sirongo sa kara nemonia lyezi maar vantu wo...vasesu tupu yiwo vanakuparuka nawa wowanzi kwakuhepa konzara. @Endjala what are you implying that the more people the dirtier the city is supposed to be or what? Don't agree unless you want to say this equation applies in Africa only? I don't think that if the population of WHK increases to a million will affect the way its currently run; it will still remain clean. So what about Gabs which has less people than WHK as you put it? So this tells it all that there is something that Windhoek and the other towns mentioned here are doing exceptionally well which others need to replicate to keep their cities clean and orderly....

◆ **Titus Endjala**

@Elizabeth. Put it differently; Windhoek has a relatively small population of which the majority are not too rich to produce significant waste, and the minorities of Windhoek are too rich to subsidise the poor. So, the City of Windhoek enjoys uninterrupted service due to a strong capital base. I know the Councillors won't agree...

◆ **Margaret Mensah-Williams**

I always think of those dedicated women and men who keep the city clean, just check every morning early how they clean what some of us just dump without thinking, they are the real heroes and heroines of this clean city, how do we motivate ...them and how much do they earn for making us enjoy this status? One of the families staying close to the big orange skip containers do get a small token of appreciation from the city for ensuring those who dump refuse there do so inside the skip container and not outside, but they endure so many insults by some of us as public when they educate us on how to dispose of the waste.

I think these people who take care of ensuring us keeping this status should get medals. In addition i think our Ministry of Environment and Tourism should assist in public education on re-cycling in conjunction with the City of Windhoek. Cde Ngurare indeed there is a disconnection between the honourable City Councillors and their technocrats, you see some want to be politicians and technocrats at the same time and make sure their favourite people get favourite treatment, for instance how do you in a budget plan for the Olympia swimming pool to get a thatch roof build worth millions when people need sanitation in the informal settlement it does simply not add up. It is like we told womem from the developing countries during the Beijing negotiations, whilst you are looking for dishwashers, we in the developing world are looking for water to drink, never mind toeven wash the dishes lol Cde Lion don't be so hard on yourself, you are indeed a resonant leader who inspire others, create an overall positive tone characterized by hope, you more in touch with others, you demonstrate compas-

sion, you are mindful-authentic and in tune with yourself, others and the environment, so celebrate it and thank God, you know resonance is contagious that is why some of us join this forum and portray ourselves as youth lol!!!!!! he!he!he

◆ **Ndumba J. Kamwanyah**

While we are at it...I completely agree with you @Eddie! One (out of many qualities) thing that I admire about Cde Ngurare is his open-minded and his ability to engage with people who have different views in a respectful manner, a rare quality for many of us in the Namibian political arena. Sorry for putting you on the spot, but we might as well start campaign for you to be the next president, lol. If a young and energetic Obama did it, why not you!

◆ **Hobie Clark**

Ngurare>With all due respect, knowing u come from Arandis and being proud of the place, but

Arandis isn't exactly a city...nor is it clean! But am sure you say it in a jokingly way :) And, being a foreigner in Namibia, I really am sickened ...with how the countrys' nature is treated! Drive along the countrys roads and you'll find rubbish all along them from ppl that just throw out rubbish without even thinking...beer-bottles, cans, plastic bags, u name it...heck, not even up in Etosha u avoid seeing it!! (And don't make it a racial thing, because everyone is doing it, black and white and whoever in between!). So, Namibia has ALL the potential of being clean but "no-one" seems to care. I read in the "paper-that-must-not-be-read" that parts of the B2 between Swakop and Usakos would be "adopted" by organisations to keep it clean...just like many highways in USA is. Maybe that is a way of doing things all over Namibia? Could be something for you and/or Mensah-Williams to push for among ordinary people! At least you 2 have lots of contacts that ordinary people don't have which would be useful. This

country is too beautiful to get littered! Why can't people understand that??

◆ **Tjitunga Elijah Ngurare**

@Cdes Edie, Mensah-Williams, Ndumba...lol...you are putting this village boy on the spot...-) thank you for your generous comments and are noted with profound appreciation...@Hobie Clark, I agree with you entirely in terms of keeping Namibia clean...I am on my way to Arandis and wish to do my bit joining that campaign. In the final analysis it starts with every individual to have the obligation and patriotic duty for keeping our country clean: from homes, offices and wider society!

◆ **Hobie Clark**

Ngurare>True...but you (and some others here, I assume) who have the ears of the ones in charge, should really put forward the idea I gave you since you have the ability to get people activated. Up for the challenge?

HISTORY

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When I rejoined my history minded grand-father for hunting and shared the news of the tournament, my grandfather informed me that it was a tournament of "Omakuras". People who were circumcised, according to cultural dictates, at the same time. They grow up together, play together and plan together. For example, according to my grandfather, if you happen to have an argument with one of them, the others are watching, waiting on the wings to support their "Omakura". "They support each other in all respect, the old man said as we rode on our donkies looking for game! That tournament has since been relocated to Windhoek.

I, to this day, am in awe of that concept of "Omakura!" It is a wonderful concept that could have advance and did advance

the the cause of Namibia's Liberation. You see, the English gave the world football as a world sport, if the concept of "Omakura" would be given to at least all Namibians, the way all whites are standing together irrespective of whether being an English, Scottish, German and the like, we would be saying, "Let us live winning"! Thus, qualifying for the world cup will be so much easier and the best will represent us all in the same way boxer are doing without tribal jealousy and given the talent in

Namibia, qualification for the world cup will be a foregone conclusion.. The Namibia Football Association can learn from the greater meaning of "Omakura" even though that tournament has been relocated to Windhoek. It is no use for the NFA President, Mr. John Muinjo, to invite the German Fussball Bond and only to be accompanied by his fellow Otjijherero speakers to the talks. Football is a national sport and should be seen as such because it belongs to all of

us in the final analysis! And only then will it be possible for Namibia to qualify for the World Cup in the future. NBC must also come right and guard against broadcasting Tribal tournaments as 'National Tournaments.' For example, John Muinjo allowed a Tribal Tournament to take place in Okakarara, invited the NBC via the Otjijherero speaking Producer as well as, to top it all, the National Coach was present. Moreover, the Otjijherero speaking Chiefs were present at the 'Herero-Cup' Hand-over ceremony! Yet the same is not done for tribal areas in Kavango and or Caprivi, let alone Southern Namibia. If the NFA boss is doing this for one tribal group as a national leader of football in Namibia, he should do it for all the other tribes.

But all is not lost because the ideal of "One Namibia, One Nation" is a desire for us to shed tribalism and exclusivity while embracing oneness and inclusive approach.

Trafigura donated N\$100 000 worth of Furniture to IUM



The International University of Management received office furniture on Wednesday from the international oil trade company Trafigura Namibia, the furniture is earmarked for the new IUM campus in Dorado Park that is in its advanced stage of construction, it is scheduled for completion towards the end of this year.

Receiving the furniture IUM Vice chancellor, Virginia Namwadi appreciated the generous donation from the Trafigura

Namibia. Chancellor Namwandi said that they are witnessing the handing over of an extraordinary donation by the Trafigura Group and Trafigura Namibia in particular to IUM.

"These Furniture and equipment are of very high quality, and selected to last," said Namwandi. These include office desks and chairs, from deluxe to executive cupboard, cabinets, network switching station and electrically operated water cooler.

Trafigura Namibia through this gesture it has filled its corporate re-

sponsibility; it came at the right time to fill high gab in IUM list of needs. The donation compliment IUM efforts to put Namibia one step closer to the vision.

IUM management thanked Trafigura for having come to their aid and that they receive the donation with Joy and a sense of gratitude. Without support like this, they may never have been reach their dreams or to effectively contribute their best to Namibia's dream of joining other developed nations.