

What people say

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◆ **Posted by
Melanie**

You can never stop a bull at charge. SWAPO is the bull charging, now, towards economic free. Happy Birthday

◆ **Posted by Cde
E.P.K. Tutjavi**

SWAPO Party of Namibia has come of age. 50 years is a long time. May the Almighty be with us and may

we redistribute wealth of this mighty country equally for all to benefit. Keep up your good efforts. We shall be indeed stronger if we are united for one course and purpose. ViVa 50 years. Aluta Continua!!!!

◆ **Posted by Swapo
Tuli**

Happy Bday SWAPO Party, I cant wait for the official birth date. One Namibia, One Nation

◆ **Posted by
Dhiginina**

RDP will never win in this country! If I may question them how many times they give a try but the outcome is always shameful to them. Something is very clear here; "they are and will be permanent losers"! We love our almighty SWAPO Party no matter what, that is our true party!

Give us Freedom

Allow us to recall what we went through on our way to freedom. We always remember our past experience by sing our liberation songs where ever we are. By sing we do not necessarily mean to incite violence, but we do so to honour those comrades that sacrificed their precious lives for the freedom of this Country and to preserve our history.

To some of us who do not read history books, we do read history through praise and songs, and it had been the culture of most African communities for centuries. There are songs that are in blood, that remind you of certain situations where you lost a Comrade. It is sad and painful to forget your history to be forced to abandon what you think keeps your spirit alive, just like those nasty history books that are full in book shelf talking about certain communities' success in wiping out completely fellow African nations.

Our fellow white communities should learn our way of living to understand us better, so that they should not represent us wrong when we communicate our history to the world. We do not mean what they think; we only pass on our history to the coming generation. Most of our history is not recorded as yours. There are many monuments around which have meaning to you, but not having any meaning to us,



Cde. Esau Muzue

we say nothing about them. When are we going to put into practice our culture without being interpreted wrongly?

Those hardliners who do not want to associate with black communities should know that not all were bad masters. The liberation was about the Authority not individuals. There are those who as well sacrificed their lives for the freedom of our country just like anybody else. By saying when we sing or talk about our past we mean to incite violence against the white communities even if it mentions their colour, such mentality is wrong. If our songs incite violence so history books too. Therefore if that is the case, then we should go through history books, should we find anything that is talking about killing any native then such books should be burned.

The colonizers named us all sorts of names like terrorists

and communists, these is recorded in History books. Are they inciting violence? The von Trotta order of extermination of all Hereros is in history books and he is still visible in our streets, why are you not demanding that to be demolished for the sake of unity and forgiveness to avoid violence cropping up. Let us not fool ourselves. We sing these songs relating to certain situations that made us to compose the song, longing for something, vigorously wanting to liberate our country; this is the time you look for words that would fit the state of affairs. For your knowledge we were doing so to boost our moral and spirit and we continue to do so to remind ourselves of our past and to convey the message to the coming generations not to incite violence as you put it.

I would not want a situation where whites Communities when looking into the eyes of a black men sees only violence, it would create more hatred than unity, let us learn each other's culture so that we leave in harmony as people of one country, let us be tolerant enough to allow ourselves to perform our diverse culture without fear. Long live fellow comrades who gave their precious lives for the freedom of Namibia, we will never ever forget you in our day to day life.

curity.

The Fundraising Braai will run throughout the weekend, and will end with a Gala Dinner on Monday at the Parliament Gardens. The Party has designed a special logo dedicated to the 50th anniversary of the birthday of SWAPO.

The logo was unveiled by Dr Geingob at SWAPO Party Headquarters on Thursday. The rally will be held at the Multipurpose Center in Katutura. Different artists, including Ndilimani, will entertain the guests. The rally starts at 14hrs00. The gates open at 10hrs00 for the arrival of the public.



Dr Hage Geingob

led by SWAPO Party Vice President and Minister of Trade and Industry, Dr Hage Geingob, SWAPO Party Secretary General, Cde Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana, and her Deputy, Cde Nangolo Mbumba, who is also Minister of Safety and Se-

Star rally

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Founding President, Dr Sam Nujoma, then already in exile, was elected its first President in absentia. He had been its President since then, until 2007 when he handed over the leadership to President Hifikepunye Pohamba.

The Founding President will attend the Golden Jubilee celebrations star rally. The rally, which will be preceded by a weekend braai at SWAPO Party Headquarters in Windhoek, will be addressed by President Pohamba.

All the top guns will attend,

View Point

By Daniel David Nghiwilepo



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I wish to respond to an orchestrated campaign against Dr. Tobie Aupindi and the Namibia Wildlife Resorts. This response is in my personal capacity as Mr. Daniel David Nghiwilepo.

Namibia Wildlife Resorts was established in 1999 through NWR Act No. 3 of 1998. Its principle focus was to conduct "Wildlife Resorts Services" on a commercial basis on behalf of the Government in Etosha National park and other game parks and nature reserves and any other resorts acquired and managed by the Company under this Act including any accommodation establishment defined in section 1 of the Accommodation Establishments and Tourism Ordinance, 1973 (Ordinance 20 of 1973).

When Dr. Aupindi assumed duty as MD, this company was in ICU – the shareholder had just stepped in to save the

company from certain bankruptcy by providing a loan guarantee of 120 million. Dr. Aupindi and the new management plus the Board had to implement a Cabinet approved Turn-Around Strategy (TAS) while stabilizing the company at the same time.

The results of the just completed TAS is there for everyone to see: timely production of Annual Financial Statements (AFS), holding of regular AGMs, full compliance with PAYE and VAT payments, stabilized financial status of the company, new and upgraded resorts, a brand proposition that commands respect with tourists internationally, and many more! The company is now focused on a Sustainable Growth Strategy after the successful conclusion of the TAS.

Would you find these successes reported anywhere in the liberal-controlled media? No!! Why not?? I will attempt to answer that question as follows: Racism and the embodiment of the "Devil"

At a visceral level, white racism is about proving incompetence on the part of blacks and their leadership of government and other institutions such as NWR. That is why you will never see any reporting by the white-controlled media, especially The Namibian daily, about the VERY OBVIOUS successes at NWR. In fact that particular newspaper chooses to use grandeur and spectacular headlines to undermine the good work done by the parastatal in order to both sell papers as well as to aid the agendas and attempts by selected white rich minorities in direct competition with NWR to negate any kind of progress.

At an economic level white racists wish to exclusively retain economic privilege and respond rather aggressively to any meaningful attempt at black economic empowerment.

This applies to, for example, the case of Von Bach, where a group of very rich white citizens through the Water Ski Clubs (We know who they are and their personal interest) had used Von Bach through rental agreements where they paid the Government peanuts and illegally erected infrastructures on State Land and also invested nothing for the benefit of the whole country. These seem to have escaped the investigative journalistic eye of the white-controlled media. However, when a group of Black citizens committed to investing close to half a Billion in making Von Bach a world class resort for the benefit of Namibia and of course for their own benefit as investors then it suddenly attracts the "investigative" journalistic eye and all sorts of underhandedness (corruption) is being suggested. Would that not fit the racist narrative of Black = Corruption?

The fact that NWR has remained a State owned enterprise with a clear strategic location has not gone down well with many and mostly "white" tour operators who had been in the business before independence and who were seeking to have legislation overturned in order for them to also have access to tourism assets inside the Parks.

It has therefore come as no surprise that mass brainwashing techniques have been employed by the "white controlled" media to suggest that the Resorts in Etosha had become unaffordable to the general Namibian. This is a point that had been highlighted in "The Namibian" newspaper and rewarded with a huge front page space. The same newspaper however fails to report on the state of the resorts before Dr. Aupindi's management came in for the rescue act. I expect a newspaper of The Namibian's stature to be more educative and informational and in fact "tell it like it is".

For example, has this paper ever reported on the dilapidated, rotten and run-down facilities prior to the TAS? Or the inherited and outdated booking systems and service techniques of that time? No? Why? The answer lies in the ownership of NWR's competitors – because operating in the sad state that NWR was in before 2006, suited the white-owned lodges on the periphery of Etosha National Park as well as other places around the parks in Namibia, as tourists would rather sleep at their "luxurious and well maintained lodges" than at the NWR "Rest Camps" in the Parks.

I duly suggest that the notion of responsible journalism should prevail at all times and that The Namibian newspaper stops misinforming our people with myths such as;

- **WATER PRICES TO INCREASE because Von Bach Dam is privatized!** No, all water resources in Namibia are managed, regulated and controlled by NAMWATER, Von Bach Dam included.

- **NWR TECHNICALLY BANKRUPT!** Which was a sensational headline by the way, but it lacked any objective investigation into the transfer of tourism assets.

Which brings me to the question - Does this kind of reporting really aim to contribute to the success of a State enterprise like NWR and for the benefit of all Namibians or does it aim to support the agendas of "white owned" lodges?

Namibia in general and SWAPO Party in particular has witnessed seminal political developments since 2004 of peaceful transition from a Founding President to a new President much to the chagrin of white doom-Sayers and their hibernating friends. As I said earlier and I repeat: white racism is about proving incompetence on the part of blacks and their leadership of government and other institutions such as NWR. That is why you will never see any reporting by the white-controlled media, especially The Namibian, about the VERY OBVIOUS successes at NWR.

The hibernators within SWAPO Party also wish to discredit SWAPO Party and its leadership of government and other institutions such as NWR. They will stop at nothing in this shared mission: disinformation campaigns through selective leaking of internal company

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