

What people say

From SWAPO website: www.swapoparty.org

◆ Posted by Cde. Linda Nuuyoma

Coalition, oh no, support my candidate during the upcoming Okahandja Constituency Regional By-Elections 2010, what a political game. How on earth will one follow a Party that has destroyed you in the Presidential and National Assembly Elections 2009 and request you to support his candidate whom history has proved that this person is incapable to lead a Region. Dream, this person won the elections, whose development programs will be implemented, sure there is no coalition, only abandon your candidate and elect mine syndrome. The very same person had a task to bring about development in Okahandja but totally failed or was it a political game not to implement the development programs of the SWAPO Party for it to be blamed not to deliver? These are the hibernators that we are talking about. Okahandja Constituency community let us do it the Eenhana, Omuthiya and Tobias Hainyeko way. Those who are planted to confuse you by claiming being SWAPO Party Members while they know for a fact that they are not, and opt to stand as self proclaimed independent Candidate, we are not blind. Let us go out and secure victory for the SWAPO Party.

◆ Posted by Kotokeni, Ohangwena

Namibian, Please let us stop giving places and our streets names of people who are still alive. We have many heroes like Late Nampala, Nanyemba, Green, Ndimo, Maxton, Moses Garoeb, Ngoya Ya kayala, Kapuka ka Nauyala, Nehale lyampigana, Kaveke Katamila, Patrick Luganda (Oshikulo shopadhi onde) etc... If your memories are fading ask us to give you their names. Aakwiita omoyeli natango oyendji oyeshi oyakwawo mba kwali hayalunayo yashaalapolmalugodhi. Those are the people we need to honor. Is true we need to honor people while they are still alive but it seems not working. Hidipo dissappoint us.

◆ Posted by Cde. Katusha ka Namibia

Comrades, Coalition or No coalition, SWAPO is always Victorious. I urged the people of Okahandja Constituency to rally behind Comrade Steve Biko Booy's. Comrade Booy's is the only candidate that have the vision of Okahandja Constituency. With the guidance from the Mighty SWAPO Party, he will continue to bring development in Okahandja Constituency. Vote Comrade Steve Biko Booy's for the development of Okahandja Constituency! SWAPO United, SWAPO Victorious, Now Hard work in Okahandja Constituency! Aluta Continua!

◆ Posted by I.H. Hekandjo-Okalongo

COMRADE IS A QUESTION, WHY MR YA NANGO AND HIS FRIEND NYAMU SO QUITTY THIS DAYS ? SHAME , SG OF RADOPA ARE BYPASSED BY LIBOLI HAUFIKU BECAUSE OF HIS IMMATURE. RADOPA IS ON THE HILL OF WHO IS THE NEXT . TO OKAHANDJA RESIDENT I AM REQUEST YOU TO GO OUT IN NUMBER AS YOU USE TO AND VOTE FOR REALITY , AND FOR QUALITY LEADERSHIP BY VOTE SWAPO PARTY CAMRADE WITH YOU, FOR YOUR TOWN PROSPEROUS . REMEMBER THE SWAPO PARTY MANIFASTO DOCUMENT INDEED. GOOD LUCK.

◆ Posted by CDE FLAVIO

Dear comrades, I am 100% in support of the press conference statements by Dr. T. Elijah Ngurare our secretary of the Swapo Party Youth League, a vehicle which champions and transforms the ideology of our Mighty Swapo Party. When President Barack Obama visited Ghana during his first trip to Africa, immediately after his inauguration in the highest office on the land told the parliament of

Cont on page



Zoom In



By Asser Ntinda

Opposition parties are in disarray, horribly humiliated and hopelessly unsure of their future. Having just emerged from a stunning defeat in the last National Assembly and Presidential elections last year, the future looks so bleak. With the Okahandja by-election just around the corner, none of the opposition parties is eager to face SWAPO Party alone. For many of them, there is just no pleasant future to look forward to.

While some opposition parties are boycotting the by-election because they have "lost faith" in the Electoral Commission of Namibia, ECN, others are frantically trying to cobble together a coalition to prevent a SWAPO Party victory. But, by all standards, SWAPO Party's victory in Okahandja is guaranteed. About that, there is no doubt.

The DTA, created by the former South African colonial government with handpicked puppets, says it will not take part in the by-election because it has "lost faith" in the ECN. Technically, that may sound plausible, if only it was the real reason for boycotting the by-election. Unfortunately, it is not the case. The DTA is only trying to avoid another humiliating defeat. It lost to SWAPO Party in the 1989 elections when its masters were in charge.

In the 1989 elections, it only managed to win 21 seats, despite the state machinery at its disposal, capped with the N\$100 million "slush funds" given by the then apartheid regime to win the "hearts and minds" of the Namibian people. With their masters gone, those handpicked puppets could not manage on their own. When the master is gone, things simply fall apart.

In 1994, it again lost to SWAPO Party, with its seats dropping from 21 to 14. In 1999, it again lost to SWAPO Party. Its seats dropped from 14 to seven. In 2004, it lost again and its seats dropped from seven to four. After last year's elections, it only won two seats. So, when the DTA says it has "lost faith" in the ECN, it may sound as if it really stands a chance to win the election.

Not at all. Its decision to boycott the by-election is informed by its poor performance in the past, as chronicled above. The DTA is on its death-bed. It should not fool anybody. All the intravenous infusion solutions are off. Rather than risking another stunning defeat, it chooses to avoid the race altogether and die peacefully, with the last surviving puppets on its bedside.

As for the other four opposition parties which have banded together to back one candidate, there is still just no hope. The modalities for such a coalition are not clear. The squabbles are just raging on. In fact, it is an exercise in futility. How can one person represent four parties? Which party's interest will she serve? Which manifesto will she hold dear? To whom will she be accountable?

The Rally for Democracy and Progress, RDP, has chosen its candidate, the disgraced former Mayor of Okahandja, Christophina Kiito Paulus. Three opposition parties – the All People's Party, AP, Republican Party, RP, and the National Unity Democratic Party, NUDO — have chosen to back the RDP candidate, thus dissecting their own manifestos and virtually telling their members, who have supported them for years, that they cannot find a suitable candidate from them. What an insult! That is naked political prostitution.

I thought these people were members of those parties out of principles. I also thought that their leaders were men and women of principles who would sacrifice and, if possible, die for those principles which have distinguished them from other political parties. With the new political arrangement, that does not seem to be the case. They have ditched their own principles and embraced those of RDP. How their members will react to this nonsensical political arrangement will only be clear after the election. The results will be disastrous.

This is a marriage of convenience driven by self-serving individual interests. When individuals' interests overshadow those of the party, the result is a loose arrangement like this one, which has no reason for existence. The four parties have only one thing in common – their hatred for SWAPO Party. Beyond that, there is virtually nothing that binds them together. They are poles apart. How Christophina Paulus hopes to represent such diverse political interests defies logic. Obviously, RDP will call the shot. The other three parties are just being used by RDP's Hidipo Hamutenya like pawns on a political chessboard. He is good at that. And they will only learn that later, much to their disappointment.

But fielding the disgraced Christophina Paulus as RDP's candidate surely comes as a blessing in disguise for SWAPO Party. The Party must really be smiling at the RDP's foolhardiness to pick Paulus, just as it did when RDP fielded the despised Erasmus 'Kaptein' Hendjala as its candidate in the Tobias Hayinyeko Constituency by-election in 2008. Who in Okahandja does not know how Paulus has messed up things there? There is just no credible person left in RDP. But whether opposition parties agree on one candidate or not, SWAPO Party will knock them out hands down. As they squabble over the new political arrangement, unpalatable though it is, SWAPO Party is cruising to an undisputed landslide victory. About that, we are convinced.



SWAPO Party Secretary General, Cde Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana, middle. On the left is her Deputy, Cde Nangolo Mbumba. On the right is SPYL Secretary, Cde Elijah Ngurare. Photo by Levi Upula.



National Council Deputy Chairperson, Cde Mensah Williams. On the left is Cde Veicko Nekundi. Photo by Levi Upula.